

DONALDA LITE

December 2025

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MESSAGE FROM DONALDA VILLAGE OFFICE

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

Tuesday December 16 at 7 p.m.

in the Council Chambers

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Village Office

Tuesday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Closed Dec 24, 25, 26, Jan 1

403-883-2345

village.donalda.ab.ca

assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca

Water-related Emergencies:

403-741-6468 (*Please leave a message*)

Museum

Mon, Thurs, Fri 10 am-5 pm

Closed Dec 23-28 and Dec 30-Jan 1

403-883-2100

Email: info@donaldamuseum.com

Facebook: @Donalda&DistrictMuseum

Website: www.donaldamuseum.com

Gallery for the Arts

Hours: Closed for the season

403-883-2100

Donalda Public Library

Mon-Thurs: 2 - 6 pm

403-430-BOOK (2665)

<https://donaldalibrary.prl.ab.ca/>

Donalda Post Office

Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm

Closed from 12-1

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we move into the final month of the year, I hope you're finding moments to enjoy the start of the holiday season. December always brings a special sense of warmth to our village—lights going up, gatherings being planned, and a welcome feeling of community all around us.

At our most recent council meeting, we received a presentation from Municipal Affairs on the Viability Review process. This was an important step in helping council better understand the work ahead and what to expect as we move through the review. The next step will be an initial public information session, planned for early in the new year. Please stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Council also spent time reviewing both new and existing policies to ensure they remain clear, effective, and in line with our community's needs. In addition, we approved an interim fire agreement with the County of Stettler, which will support ongoing emergency services for our village.

I would also like to offer a friendly reminder to residents who attend council meetings. We welcome public participation, and it's important that these meetings remain respectful and uninterrupted. As outlined in our procedural bylaw, members of the public are asked to refrain from disturbing or interrupting the meeting. This reminder comes simply to ensure everyone has a positive and productive experience, as there have been occasional distractions in the past.

As the year comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt joy and gratitude for this community. I hope the holiday season brings each of you peace, connection, and time spent with those who matter most. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas season and happiness throughout the coming new year.



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 by
Dec 22, 2025

**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.

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| Full Page Ad | \$40 + GST | 1/4 Page Ad | \$15 + GST |
| 1/2 Page Ad | \$25 + GST | 1/8 Page Ad | \$10 + GST |

DONALDA RECYCLING

Batteries: the Donalda Ag Society collects these as a fundraiser; please contact Dwayne Adams for more info (780-679-4811).

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

Bottle Trailer Schedule

July/August - Donalda Promotion Society

September - Parent Council Oct/Nov - Donalda Library



DONALDA TRANSFER SITE

Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm

Wednesdays Closed

Operated by the Stettler Waste Management Authority

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.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Donalda Welcoming Committee would like to give all new residents a Welcome Package to welcome them to Donalda. Please let us know if you are new and we have not contacted you.

Asha Simser
403-916-5188

Heather Taylor
780-781-0075



Sharon Evangelical Church
in Donalda

Church Services and
Sunday School - 10 am



December Services:

December 07 Pastor Paul Reich
December 14 Pastor Daniel Jefferies
December 21 Sunday School Concert
December 24 Christmas Eve Service at
7:30 w/ Mark Siemens
December 28 Prayer and Praise

"Today, in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is the Messiah, the Lord"

Luke 2:11

DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

December Events

- **December 07** A Village Christmas and Market at the Drop In and Donalda Hall
- **December 11** Drop In Christmas Meeting and Dinner at the Drop In 6 PM
- **December 15** Court Whist 7 PM at the Drop In
- **December 18** Ham & Turkey Bingo at the Drop In at 7 pm, Doors open at 6:30
- **December 3 & 17** Crib at the Drop In at 1 PM
- **Floor Curling** Mondays 2 pm @ the community hall.
- **Coffee Social** Every Saturday 1:30-3:30 Everyone Welcome. Live Music when players are available. **No Coffee Social on December 27**



Tracy © 403-741-7752

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.

If you see a new cat roaming or a cat in distress, please let us know, we are counting on our community to be our eyes.

"Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness.
Every act creates a ripple, with no logical end"

- Scott Adams -



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

Thank you to all who have donated!

The committee continues to raise funds to complete the repaint of the Lamp's steel base, which should proceed in spring of 2026.

1" x 3" ~ \$100

3" x 4" ~ \$250

Engraved Plaque:

5" x 7" ~ \$500

Please contact the Museum for more information.

Donalda, AB
Sunday December 7, 2025
A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS
Join us for a Magical Day of Festive Fun!!

Christmas Market Noon—4:00 pm at the Hall
Discover local businesses and artisans, home made baked goods, and plenty of Christmas cheer! Sponsored by the Donalda AG Society To book a table call 403-430-0097 or 780-781-0075 e-transfer donaldaagsociety@gmail.com

Santa Shopping 1:00—4:00 pm at the Drop-In Centre
Children under 14 can come and do their Christmas shopping Everything is \$1.00 and our elves will help the kids pick and wrap each gift. Sponsored by the Donalda Drop-In Society

Hot Lunch Noon—4:00pm at the Hall
Enjoy a delicious hot lunch at a great price, provided by the Donalda Library

Kids Activities Noon—4:00 pm at the Hall
There will be Face Painting for the kids.
Sponsored by the Donalda Promotion Society

Santa & Surprise Guest 3:00—4:00 pm at the Donalda Hall
Santa and the Surprise Guest will arrive around 3:00 and will have candy bags for the kids, take home photos with Santa \$5

Hay Rides Time to be Determined



DONALDA

HAM & TURKEY BINGO

AT THE DONALDA DROP IN CENTRE

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH

Doors open at 6:30pm
Bingo starts at 7 pm
Cards are played with Daubers

FREE Public Event
Winter Solstice
Dec 21, 2025

TIME: 2-5 PM
PLACE: Skating Rink at Ag Building

Let's create some fun family memories while enjoying Skating at the Ag Society Rink with a cozy Bonfire, Hot Chocolate Bar, Coffee/Tea to keep warm and, Hotdogs and Popcorn to keep the hunger pains away

Hay Ride Around Town
3-4 PM

Sponsored by Donalda Community Promotion Society. Co- sponsors Ag Society, Village Office, Community Support

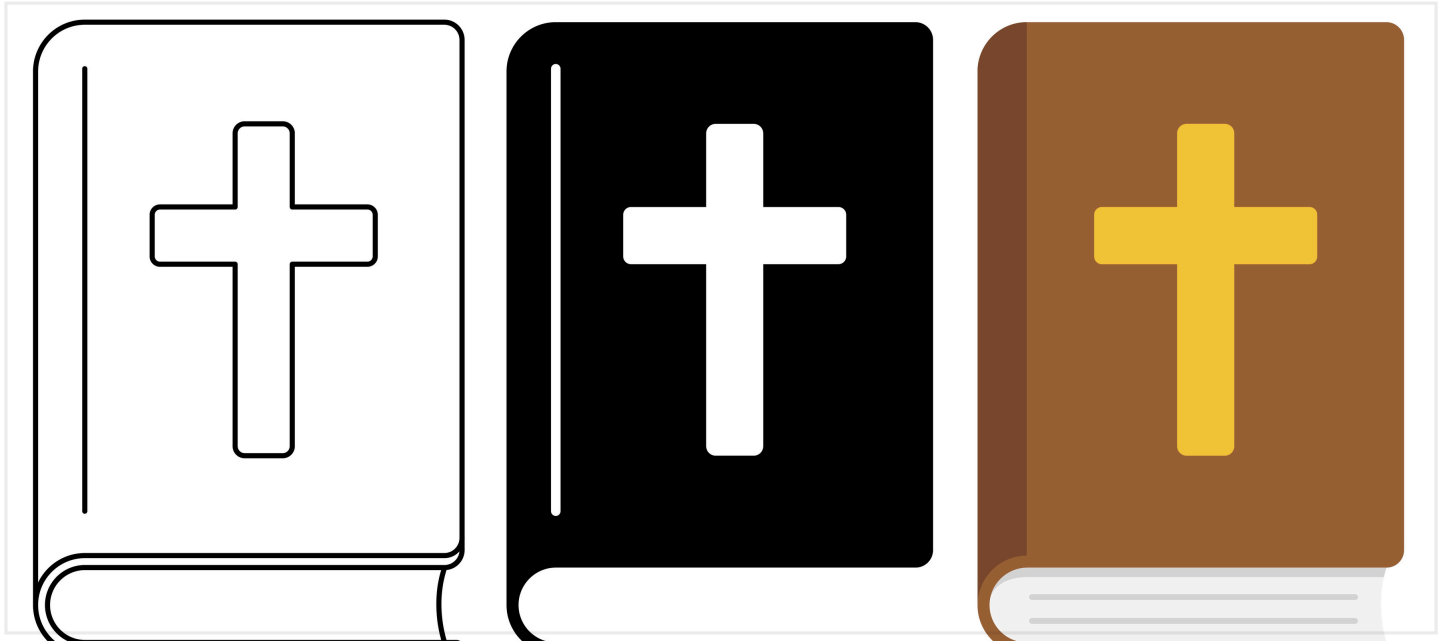


DIY Christmas GIFTS

CARS is once again partnering with community agencies to offer our annual free DIY Christmas Gifts for students ages 5 and up to make handcrafted gifts for their loved ones this holiday season.

Donalda School
Tuesday, December 9
School Library
3:15-4:30

Register with Crystal at
403-741-7016 or
cgilbertson@clearview.ab.ca
Space is limited!



Friends, Family, Neighbours, Come from Aways!

YOU are INVITED!

Weekly HOME BIBLE STUDY Group!

Together, let's discover how the Lord Jesus desires to transform the
world for better--through His word!

His Love! His Mercy! His everlasting Joy! His loving kindness!
His purpose and calling for your life!

No cost!

Bibles plus Study Materials provided!
Everyone welcome

When: Every Wednesday @ 10:30 a.m
(December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

Where: 2120 Haviland Street, Donalda AB (side entrance)

Contact: Janice @ 226-500-1924 / WisdomWalking2026 @ outlook.com

Donalda Community Promotion Society

Upcoming Events:

A Village Christmas and Market - Dec 7, 2025 hosted by Donalda Community Promotion Society, Drop In, Donalda & District Ag Society

Winter Solstice - free Dec 21, 2025 hosted by Donalda Community Promotion Society
Sponsors Charles Family - hay ride, Donalda Ag Society - tractor to pull hay ride and use of their rink and building

Next Donalda & District Community Promotion Meeting
is December 8 or January 12, 2025\26. Downstairs at the Church.

If you want to be involved please stop by or reach out to me Heather T 780-781-0075



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DEC 18TH, 2025

DONALDA HALL

7 PM

ONE BOARD SEAT AVAILABLE

EVERYONE WELCOME

MEMBERSHIP \$10

Arena surface has been removed, fixed, and better then ever! Arena memberships are due, \$200 for singles, \$350 for family!

Donalda and District Agricultural Society wishes our Communities a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!



MERRY

Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hair on the Hill wishes her clientele and community a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The landline works again 403-883-2469 or cell 403-740-2843. Lots of products, hot tools, and stocking stuffers available for Christmas gift ideas.

Donalda School Parent Society

The long-awaited snow has finally arrived, and it's been a blast watching the students creatively turn the school grounds into building and sliding opportunities.

Operation Christmas Child- Thank you to all the students and families who contributed to this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, and to Sharon Lutheran Church for generously supplying hygiene essentials and clothing. Our nine-year partnership with the church continues to make it possible for children around the world to receive a meaningful Christmas gift. Together, our school community packed an amazing 81 boxes—great job, Donalda!

School Sports - The volleyball season has wrapped up. A huge thank you to Trent Erickson, Joni Bjorge, and Alison Norman for dedicating their time to developing both character and skill in our players. Basketball is up next. Please get in touch with Alison or Julie if your child is interested in joining.

Christmas Concert Our school is getting ready for a joyful Christmas musical that students have been practicing for with lots of excitement! Everyone has been working hard to learn their songs, lines, and dance moves, and we can't wait to share the holiday spirit with our families. The performance will be filled with festive music, bright smiles, and plenty of cheer. We hope you'll join us on December 16 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

Evacuation Protocol - If the school ever needs to evacuate, students will walk to Sharon Lutheran Church to be picked up. Families will be notified of the situation and be guided through a simple check-in and child release process upon arrival at the North doors.

While we hope this procedure is never required, we want all parents to know what to expect should an evacuation occur.

Merry Christmas to our amazing staff and students—may your holidays be bright, peaceful, and full of joy. The Donalda Parent School Society sends heartfelt thanks for a fantastic year together.

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

Important December Dates:

December 9th- Subway Hot Lunch

December 16th- Coulee Tea House Hot Lunch

December 16th – Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. School gym

December 19th – Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays ·

December 19th - Pizza Lunch by Sharon Lutheran Church

January 5th – School resumes



Merry Christmas



DONALDA LIBRARY

What's New at the Library

Adult Book Club

Date: Wednesday, December 17th

Time: 6:00 PM



Tis the season for some short, non-fluffy, Christmas non-fiction!

A warm welcome to our newest book club members, and remember that we are always open to new members and suggestions!

Kids Book Club (Ages 7 - 12)

Kids book club is officially on hiatus.

Santa Hat Showdown

Date: Thursday, December 11th

Time: 4 – 6 PM

Register at the library to get your Santa hat! Come in on the 11th and decorate your hat however you like with our available craft supplies or bring some of your own!

Then, it will be left to a public vote for who made the best hat! The winner will receive a fun-for-the-whole-family Christmas prize package!

403-430-2665 (BOOK) text or phone

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“So they went off together. But wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the forest, a little boy and his bear will always be playing.” - A.A. Milne



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| | 1 Floor Curling at Hall 2 PM  | 2 | 3  Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome | 4 | 5 | 6 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome  |
| A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS 12-4 DONALDA HALL AND DROP IN CENTER  Sharon Church Services 10 AM | 8 Promotion meeting 7 PM Church Floor Curling at Hall 2 PM  | 9 Hot Lunch for Students by Subway | 10 | 11 Drop In Christmas meeting and dinner for Members 6 pm at Drop In Santa Hat Showdown at the Library 4-6 PM | 12 | 13 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome  |
| 14  Sharon Church Services 10 AM | 15 Court Whist 7 PM at the Drop In Floor Curling at Hall 2 PM  | 16 School Christmas Concert 7 PM at the School Hot Lunch for students by Coulee Tea House Regular Meeting Council 7 PM Council Chambers | 17 Adult Book Club at Library 6 PM  Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome | 18 AG Society AGM 7 pm Hall, all welcome Ham & Turkey Bingo at the Drop In 7 PM Doors open 6:30 | 19 Pizza lunch for Students by Sharon Lutheran Church Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays | 20 Coffee Social Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome  |
| 21 Winter Solstice Event 2-5 PM @ Ice rink - FREE Sharon Church Services 10 AM | 22 Floor Curling at Hall 2 PM  | 23 Museum Closed | 24 Sharon Church Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM  Museum Closed | 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Museum Closed | 26 Museum Closed | 27 Coffee Social Drop In None this week  Museum Closed |
| 28 Museum Closed  Sharon Church Services 10 AM | 29 Floor Curling at Hall 2 PM  | 30 Museum Closed | 31 <i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i> Water Bills Due Museum Closed | | | |