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DONALDA LITE

April 2026

VILLAGE ESSENTIALS


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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
April 27, 2026
**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.

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

MESSAGE FROM DONALDA VILLAGE OFFICE
 The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:
Tuesday April 21 at 7 p.m.
in the Council Chambers
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Village Office
 Tuesday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
 403-883-2345
village.donalda.ab.ca
assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca



Food Bank Supports & Services
 Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
 403-883-2345

Water-related Emergencies
 Public Works Department
 403-741-6468

Museum
 Mon, Thurs, Fri 10 am-5 pm
 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
 403-883-1212

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 just moved here and we have not contacted you.

Asha Simser 403-916-5188	Heather Taylor 780-781-0075
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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
 Dec/Jan - Feral Cat Society April - Parent Council
 Feb/Mar - Cemetery Club May/June - Drop In

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.

OPERATIONS INSIDER

Updates from Administration & Public Works

The results of a recent community survey showed that residents would like to see more communication from Administration—and we heard you. In response, we are introducing “The Operations Insider: Updates from Administration and Public Works” as a regular way to keep you informed and connected with what’s happening in your Village.

Over the past several weeks, Administration has been actively working to move our community forward—focusing on thoughtful planning, responsible financial stewardship, and advancing Council’s vision for the future. At the same time, we remain committed to being responsive, approachable, and present for our residents, ensuring the services you rely on continue to support a strong and vibrant community.

Public Works has been diligently addressing the challenges that come with the spring thaw. Crews have been working hard to open frozen culverts, manage pooling water, and monitor and maintain soft spots throughout the community to help ensure safe and passable roads. As conditions continue to change, their work remains ongoing and essential.

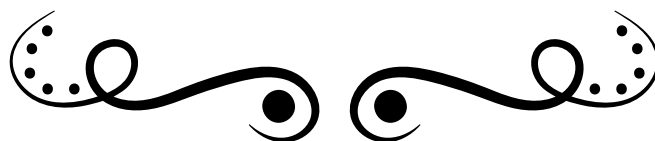
Regular maintenance of Public Works equipment is also being completed in-house, helping to reduce costs while ensuring our equipment remains in optimal working condition. This includes the fleet of vehicles, mowing equipment, skid steer, and tractor.

In addition, bio-augmentation treatments of the sewer system are being completed as part of our new regular wastewater maintenance program, supporting the long-term health and efficiency of this critical infrastructure.

We would also like to remind residents that the local Food Bank is open during regular office hours, and donations are always welcome. We are proud to offer this service to our community—supporting one another and helping to make difficult times a little easier for those who need it most.

We are incredibly proud of the work being done across our organization and the strength of the community we serve. It is through collaboration, care, and a shared commitment to one another that Donalda continues to grow and thrive. Thank you for being part of what makes this community so special—together, we are building something meaningful.

If you have questions, concerns, curiosities, or feedback, please reach out to us at the Village office—we are always here to connect with you.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we move further into spring, council has continued to make progress on several important initiatives. This past month included both a special council meeting and a regular council meeting, and I would like to provide a summary of key discussions and decisions.

At the special meeting, council reviewed a letter containing a preliminary offer to purchase land for the proposed water reservoir and truck fill station. After careful consideration, council moved to accept the proposal. This is an early step in the process and part of ensuring our long-term infrastructure and fire safety needs are met. As this project moves forward, there will be opportunities for public input, particularly as bylaw changes will be required and a public hearing will be scheduled.

During the regular council meeting, council revisited several items from previous discussions. It was confirmed that the Degelman blade will remain a village asset and will not be sold. The bunkhouse will need to be safely removed with proper procedures in place. Council also resolved to pause any transfer of the creamery until after the viability review is complete, as administration resources are currently focused on supporting that process. The handi-van will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting, and council received updated information regarding servicing of the standpipe.

Under new business, council discussed the potential implementation of municipal tags for bylaw enforcement. This approach would allow certain minor offences to be addressed without requiring court proceedings, improving efficiency for both residents and the municipality. The next step will be to review and amend the relevant bylaws.

Council also approved both the operating and capital budgets and completed first reading of the taxation bylaw, ensuring we remain on track with legislated timelines. In addition, council awarded the contract for the infrastructure audit, which will support the ongoing viability review process.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Budget Open House and shared thoughtful ideas and feedback. Your input is valued and helps guide council's decision-making.

DONALDA VALLEY CLUB

Raising funds for our community.

Hosting trail rides & horsemanship clinics.

Donalda, Alberta. Email: donaldavalleyclub@gmail.com

The Donalda Valley Club puts on the

Mother's Trail Ride - May 9-10, 2026

The Willy Bronze Poker Rally - September 26-27, 2026

Contact Becky 403-740-5997

SHARON

Evangelical Lutheran Church

DONALDA, AB

February Services:

April 05. Pastor Lewis Smith (Easter)
 April 12. Pastor Daniel Jefferies
 April 19. Pastor Paul Reich
 April 26. Pastor Lisa Harde

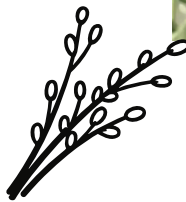
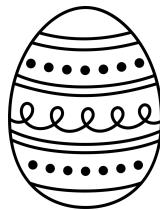
Church Services and
 Sunday School - 10 am



Bible Study every Tuesday at 1 PM at the Sharon Church

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth

Psalm 46:10



Spring Clean-up

May 4th

VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET AT
 THE LAMP @ 10AM
 PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
 GLOVES AND RAKE

LUNCH WILL BE
 PROVIDED SO PLEASE
 RSVP TO MUSEUM

Contact the Museum at
info@donaldamuseum.com
 or 403-883-2100

Rain-Out
 Date
 May 11th

DONALDA ART GALLERY

LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE EXHIBITORS FOR THE 2026 SEASON,
 CONTACT THE MUSEUM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

403-883-2100
 STAY CONNECTED!

WILLOW CANYON BAKESHOP



Need baked goods...Easter, family event, birthdays or just because??
 Whether it's cookies or cakes, pies or tarts, bread or rolls or anything in between.

Just give me a call or text at 519-940-6850

Or
 Email: willowcanyonbakeshop@gmail.com

Or
 Check out our Facebook page:
 Willow Canyon Bakeshop

Free delivery to Donalda or pick up in Forestburg)

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated! Your
 contributions went toward re-coating the fiberglass
 globe this summer!

(We are still raising funds to complete the repaint of
 the Lamp's steel base)

1" x 3" ~ \$100

3" x 4" ~ \$250

Engraved Plaque:

5" x 7" ~ \$500

Please contact the Museum for more information.



Feral Cat Network Foundation of Alberta



Tracy @ 403-741-7752

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 -



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Contact: 780-563-0351 / kimcanopy362@gmail.com

Website: canopybookkeeping.ca

Attend the Donalda Coulee Friendship Club

PANCAKE *Breakfast*



SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

DONALDA DROP IN CENTER

Eggs, Ham, Bacon, Quiche,
Hash Browns, Perogies, Pancakes,
Fresh Orange Juice,
Homemade Syrups and Coffee

ADULTS: \$15.00 KIDS 10 AND UNDER: \$6.00

CASH BINGO

Every Third Thursday of the month

**Thursday
April 16th**

At the Donalda Drop In Center

Doors open at 6:30pm

Bingo starts at 7 pm

Cards are played with Daubers

Prizes are based on sales

MUSEUM CHICKEN & RIB DINNER

Thursday, April 30th, 2026

5:00-7:00 p.m.
at the Donalda Drop in Center

Menu

Sweet & Sour Ribs
BBQ Chicken
Baked Potatoes
Carrots & Corn
Salad, Buns,
Beverages & Dessert

ALL FOR \$25 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 7 - 10 \$10, 6 AND UNDER
FREE

Come out and support the Donalda Museum
Funds going to the Donalda Creamery
Restoration

Under Canadian Skies

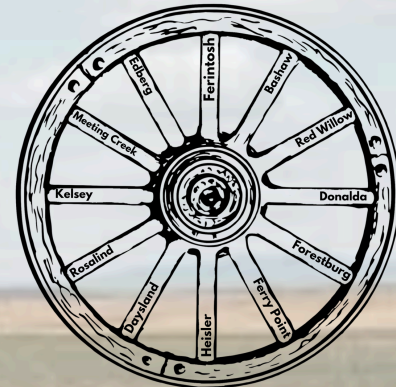
Celebrates rural youth living where the pavement ends and the horizon begins. We believe young artists have a unique and valuable perspective and we're here to help you share it. We are inviting artists (ages 12-16) to show us your vision of the land and people under this piece of our Canadian sky.

Enter Exhibit Earn

The Contest: Submit your work for the "Under One Sky" theme.

The Show: Get featured in a professional gallery exhibition.

The Sale: Showcase your art to collectors and get paid for your talent.



To register or for more information scan:

Donalda Gallery for the Arts
June 27 - July 4, 2026

Registration closes May 30, 2026.



DONALDA & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY PROMOTION
SOCIETY

Upcoming Events:

Pull Up a Chair (see poster)

Free Supper for All to enjoy
Monday April 20, 2026 5-7 PM

Thank you to Willow Canyon Bakeshop, Members of Donalda Community Promotion Society for pulling together to make this happen.

We welcome the Donalda Coulee Friendship Club as a participant.

Next Donalda & District Community Promotion Meeting is April 13, 2026. Upstairs at the Church.

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



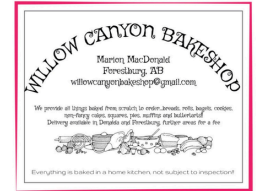
Happy Easter!

PULL UP A CHAIR

April 20, 2026



DONALDA & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY PROMOTION
SOCIETY



Free Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall

Hosted by Donalda & District Community Promotion Society

Kitchen by Willow Canyon Bakeshop

Donalda & District Museum

Donalda & District Ag Society

Donations accepted towards future free events



The County of Stettler Service Award for Donalda was won this year by President Dwayne Adam. The Ag Society would like to thank him for his service to our Society and to our Community. Congratulations Dwayne.

Watch for rental increases for our facilities to be coming soon. Utilities and insurance just keep going up.

Ranch Rodeo will be held on June 6th, get your teams registered by calling Wendy Adam. Spectators are welcome to come watch the Charmed Horse Show at the Arena June 13th. Bathroom renos complete as is the partition wall in the Arena Lobby, come check them out. The Arena is very busy so if you need a private rental please get it booked early.

HALL & WILLOW CANYON RENTALS CONTACT MARY MUELLER 403-740-2843

ARENA RENTAL CONTACT WENDY ADAM 780-678-6511

ATTENTION ALL ARENA USERS.

A CAMERA HAS BEEN SET UP AT THE BACK ENTRANCE FOR SECURITY & SAFETY PURPOSES.

**NEXT MEETING
APRIL 16, 2026
AT 7 PM IN THE HALL.**



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RESIDENTIAL VACUUMS

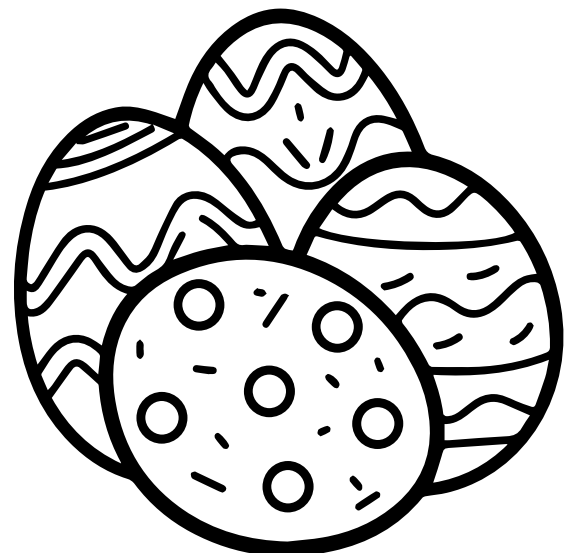
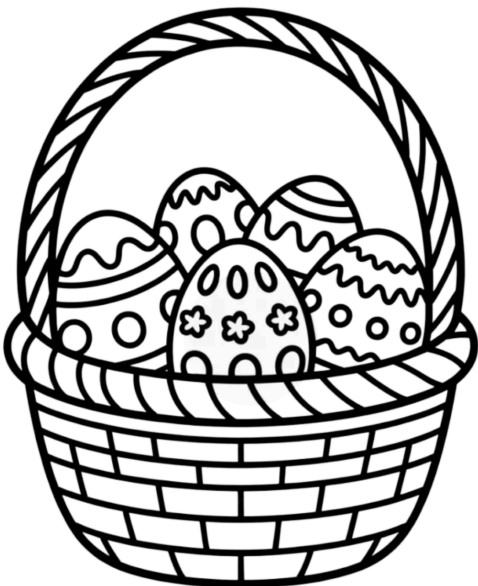
CENTRAL VACUUMS

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Patrick: 403-916-5188 • info@rajerepairs.com • Donalda, Alberta

EASTER PICTURES TO COLOR



DONALDA SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

Live Plant Fundraiser- just a reminder that live plants can be picked up at Echoglen Greenhouse depending on the date you chose upon ordering. Thank you for your support!

Spring Musical-*Disney: The Movies, The Music*- Mark your calendar for this year's spring musical on April 28th @ 7 pm! This will be a great opportunity for our grade 1-6 students to share their talents with our community.

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

Important April Dates

- April 7- School resumes
- April 17 - Subway Hot Lunch
- April 22- Castor Jr. High Badminton Tournament
- April 24- PD Day (No School)
- April 28- Spring Musical @7pm
- April 29- CARA Jr. High Badminton
- April 29- School Hot Lunch (provided by the Coulee Teahouse)

DONALDA SCHOOL BOTTLE DRIVE

DROP-OFF DATES
APRIL 28
to
MAY 4

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
DONALDA SCHOOL
a bottle trailer will be
parked on the west side

Turn your empties into something amazing!

Every can and bottle makes a difference!

Thank you for your support!

DONALDA LIBRARY

What's New at the Library
Adult Book Club

Date: Wednesday, April 15th
Time: 6:00 PM

This month the book club is focused on the novel "All The Light We Cannot See".
A Pulitzer Prize winning historical novel that became a 2023 Netflix miniseries.

New members and book suggestions always welcome.

Birdhouse Painting

Date: TBD Time: TBD

Spring is here and it's time to celebrate the return of the sun and color! Come paint and decorate your very own bird house! Stay tuned to our social media or get in touch with the library for dates and times.

Library Hours: Mon to Thurs 2pm-6pm
/ donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca /
Follow us on Facebook for updates
403-430-2665 (B00K) text or phone

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 1:00
2120 HAVILAND
STREET
JANICE@SOVEREIGNGIG.COM
403-883-2013





APRIL

2026

“I wonder what Piglet is doing,’thought Pooh.
 ‘Wish I were there to be doing it, too.’”
 -A.A. Milne



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	School Bottle Drive April 28- May 4	School Spring Break ends April 6	 1 Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome	2	3	Good Friday	No Coffee Social 4 as Drop In is Rented Out 
 5 Sharon Church Services 10 AM Easter Sunday	Pickleball 10:00 AM at the Hall  6 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM 	School Resumes 7 Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St Cemetery Club AGM Drop In at 1:30 PM	8	9	10	Reg Drop In Meeting at Noon at Drop In	Coffee Social 11 Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome 
 12 Sharon Church Services 10 AM Pancake Breakfast Drop-In 10 - noon 	Pickleball 10:00 AM at the Hall  13 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  Promotion Society Meeting 7 PM at the Church	14 Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St	 15 Crib at Drop In 1 PM all welcome Adult Book Club at Library 6 PM	16	17	 Cash Bingo at the Drop In 7 PM Doors Open at 6:30 PM	Coffee Social 18 Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome 
 19 Sharon Church Services 10 AM	Pickleball 10:00 AM at the Hall  20 Floor Curling at the Hall at 2 PM  Pull Up A Chair Community Supper 5-7 PM at Hall Court Whist 7 PM at the Drop In	21 Bible Study 1 PM 2120 Haviland St Regular Meeting Council 7 PM Council Chambers	22 Castor Jr. High Badminton Tournament	23	24	PD Day no school	Coffee Social 25 Drop In 1:30-3:30 PM all welcome 
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