

# Happy New Year!

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

January 2016

The Village of Dewberry Community Newsletter [www.villageofdewberry.ca](http://www.villageofdewberry.ca)

**DEWBERRY HALL SOCIETY  
HOSTING  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WEST FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT TO BE PERFORMING  
ON FEBRUARY 13 2016**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO THE  
DEWBERRY COMMUNITY HALL PROJECT.**

**Dewberry Community  
Church News**

Pastor Brian Stiles  
780-847-3344  
Dewberry Church 780-847-3956

Church Services at 11am  
Sunday School for all ages 10am



**Interested in taking part  
in the 2016 Village of Dewberry  
Tax Payment Plan?**

**If so, contact the Village office for  
more  
details.**

**Deadline for inclusion is  
January 29 2016.**

**Riverton Hall Dates**

Jan 16 2016  
Pancake Supper & Bingo

Feb 20 2016  
Pancake Supper & Bingo

Mar 19 2016  
Pancake Supper & Bingo

April 16 2016  
Pancake Supper, Bake Sale &  
Bingo

### Thank You

We would like to thank you for your support, sympathy, flowers, donations and food and visits during our loss of Harry.

Special thanks to Dewberry First Responders, Lakeland Funeral Home, Father Myron Ryszcz, Canters, Flag bearers, Cross bearer and Ladies of St. Olga Parris for lunch.

Sincerely  
Elizabeth Zayak  
Robert, Marie, Pat, Don, Paige & Kyle.

### Thank You

The family of Shane Vick would like to sincerely thank everyone for the cards, donations, flowers, food and kind expressions of sympathy following his sad passing. We would also like to thank those involved in rescheduling the Dewberry Christmas Party to a later date. Your presence and support has been very much appreciated.

Donations on Shane's behalf were made to the Dewberry Arena Project; Dewberry Hall Project; Dewberry Cemetery; and to Hope in Motion.

There were also donations made to the Canadian Cancer Society and Kids with Cancer Society

Alison Vick, Norma Butz



### Sidewalk Shovelling

Be a good neighbour!  
Keep your sidewalks  
clear of snow and ice

Every little bit helps

### The Regional Water Consortium Meter Replacement and Upgrade Project Involving Villages of Dewberry, Marwayne and Kitscoty

### Thanks to grant funding received through Alberta Community Partnership

The Villages of Dewberry, Marwayne and Kitscoty Will be undertaking the replacement/installation of residential and commercial water meters in the Villages.

Residents/Businesses will be notified and appointments will be scheduled for the replacement/installation of the water meters.

Project start date has not been confirmed at the time of this newsletter printing.

Residents and Businesses are asked for their patience and cooperation during this time.

## "HAY" CLANDONALD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

Clandonald Community Hall

\$15/person (Advance Tickets Only)

Tickets available at:

- ❖ Clandonald Country Store (780 853 8339)
- ❖ Clandonald Seed Cleaning Plant (780 853 5279)
- ❖ Lakeland Country Florist, Vermilion (780 853 4330)

5:30 to 7:00 pm-- Beef Supper

7:00 pm – Program

*Agricultural Speaker*

*Entertainment*

- ◆ Jesse Lewis  
Hypnotist

- ☆ *Fantastic memories with audience participation*
- ☆ *Evening filled with laughter in a safe, clean & fun environment*



Jesse Lewis

### Major Sponsors

County of  
Vermilion River  
Crop Production  
Services

Eastalta Co-op Ltd.

K.E.L. Services Ltd.

Outriders Truck Stop

Rocky Mountain  
Equipment

### Live & Silent Auctions

*Everyone welcome for an  
evening of entertainment  
and information!*

Hosted by the  
Clandonald Agricultural Society

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE NEW  
DEWBERRY COMMUNITY HALL

It has been about a year since we put out the fliers showing the progress of the hall, so we want to update everyone in this regard.

Construction of the hall was put on hold for the winter months and resumed this spring when the weather was more favorable. As of this date, all the concrete has been poured, insulation has been sprayed on the walls and the insulation for the ceiling was blown in. The interior walls and stage has been framed and the electrical wiring has been strung. The ceiling has been dry walled, taped, mudded, and painted with one coat of primer to seal it. The plumbing has been roughed in, and the heating system is currently being installed. The building is currently being heated with temporary heaters.

To date we have spent approximately \$500 000.00 of our \$700 000.00 budgeted cost of the new hall. We are now working on raising the remaining \$200 000.00. Our original estimate was that it would take two or three years to raise the necessary funds to complete the hall, so we are actually ahead of schedule.

If you are interested in helping us raise the necessary funds to complete the new hall, you can make a donation by contacting President Rick Rewuski, Treasurer Debra Hegedus, Secretary Lilian Ewen or any hall society member.

We wish to extend a big thank you to everyone who has already donated to this project either through monetary donations or donations to our fundraising efforts.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the Best in the New Year

Dewberry Hall Society



Dewberry Outreach  
@the Dewberry Senior Centre  
from 10am to 12pm  
January 5 & 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

Vermilion and Area Brighter Beginnings is pleased to be offering a community outreach program in Dewberry!  
We are a free of charge drop in child and parent program for families with children from birth to 6 years of age.  
Please join us for some singing, playing, stories, craft and snack time for the 3 – 6 year olds.  
Networking and informative speakers for parents!  
Age appropriate toys and socialization for the 0-3's!

Brighter Beginnings 780-853-6633  
email [bboutreach@yahoo.ca](mailto:bboutreach@yahoo.ca)



#### Employment Opportunity

The Village of Dewberry is looking for someone to assume the position of Transfer Site Supervisor.

Resume drop off deadline  
is January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 4:00pm

Resumes can be dropped off at the Dewberry Village Office.

#### Memoriam

Ms. Jessica Michelle Nawrot  
passed away on December 11 2015  
at the age of 21 years.

Celebration of Jessica's life was held on  
December 19 2015  
at the Vegreville United Church.

**COME ONE, COME ALL  
TO THE DEWBERRY HALL  
ON JAN 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30PM**

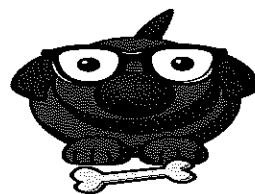
**IT'S THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
DEWBERRY HALL SOCIETY**

**COME AND FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE  
AT THE WITH THE NEW HALL!**

**ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED  
PLEASE COME!!**

**THEY'RE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS,  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



#### Dog Licenses

Got a new pet ???

Current one lost his tag??

The Village requires all dogs to be registered with the Village of Dewberry.  
(The tag must be on the dog collar)

The Village of Dewberry has contracted the services of a Dog Catcher.

Your help with this is appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 24, 25 & 26**

ARENA CLOSED

Merry Christmas

**DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1**

ARENA CLOSED

Happy New Year

**JANUARY 5**

ANNUAL MEETING

7:00 Arena Booth

**JANUARY 15-17**

COED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Dewberry Arena

**FEBRUARY 4-6**

AAAS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Ramada Inn Edmonton

**MARCH 16**

PANCAKE SUPPER

5-7:00 Arena Booth

**JUNE 17-19**

CPCA RACE WEEKEND

Dewberry

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We will need volunteers to help work the booth during the CoEd Hockey Tournament weekend January 15-17.

If you would be able to help out for a couple of hours sometime during the weekend please call Lisa (780) 847-4147



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IDEAS**

**DEWBERRY AG SOCIETY**

**BRED HEIFER LOTTERY #2**

**TICKETS \$100 EA.**

YOU COULD WIN 20 BRED BLACK HEIFERS or \$40,000.00 CASH OR ONE OF 9 CASH PRIZES OF \$1000 OR THE EARLY BIRD DRAW FOR \$1000



Main Draw July 28, 2016 Early Bird Draw June 18, 2016

Get your tickets from any Ag member

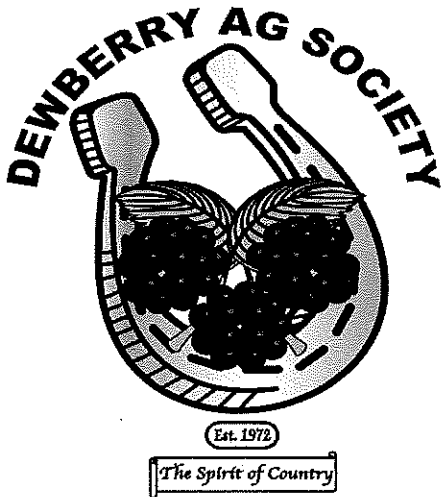
Call/Text Holly (780) 871-3677

Or email: dewberryag@gmail.com



CO-OP MERCHANDISE CARDS  
Available at Ken's Auto & Diesel

Can be used to purchase fuel,  
groceries, or any other item available  
at any Co-op store



## Eastalta Co-op/ Dewberry Ag Society

### Snowflake Day Big Success Again in 2015

There were dozens of folks out enjoying the beautiful weather and the activities on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The turnout this year was better than it has been in recent memory and we thank everyone for making this day a success. It's so nice to get together and kick off the holiday season with friends and neighbors. Mother Nature chose to leave us with brown streets this year, so sadly there were no sleigh rides, but all the kids, big and small, enjoyed a fun skate in the arena. There were free hot dogs hot chocolate and coffee provided by the AG Society and prepared by Eleanor and Allan Parr and a GREAT BIG SPECIAL THANKS to Cruise Bensmiller for cooking all the hot dogs. Some really creative face paintings were done by Sheryl Davies; thank you; the kids loved it!! A huge Thanks to Doris and the staff at the Eastalta Co-op for supplying cookies and decorating supplies; there were some absolute masterpieces created! Doris and her crew were also responsible for stuffing the candy bags with goodies supplied by the Community Pride group and entertaining the youngsters at the arena. We also had one very special visitor that made an appearance. Santa stopped by to visit with the kids and get some last minute ideas on what he should be stuffing in his sack for all the good little boys and girls around Dewberry on Christmas Eve. Thanks so much Santa; you are always such a fun fellow to be around! A huge thanks also to all the local businesses that took part by having a Snowflake Day Prize the winners are:

Business	Winner	Business	Winner
Top Knots 'n' Tangles	Betty Brown	Dewberry Post Office	Renatta Bertelson
The Co-operators	Kristin Rewuski	Andrukow Group Solutions	Shawn Ewen
B&L Vet Services	Justin Volz	Servus Credit Union	Vicki James
Dewberry Data Service	Vaughn Unruh	Ken's Auto & Diesel Repair	Bonnie Robinson
Village Office	Holly Holmen	Dennill's Agricenter	Matt Hodgson
Dew Fab Welding	Waldo Unruh	UFA-Isert Petroleum	Sadie Bazinet

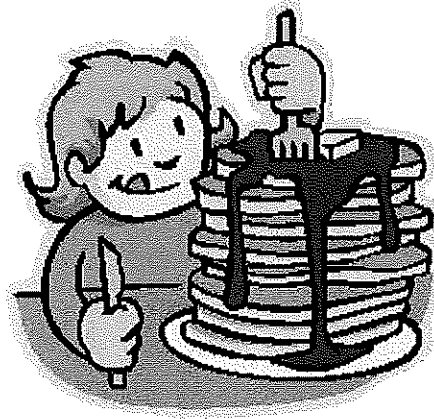
## A GREAT BIG THANKS TO DEWBERRY SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!!

We have the most amazing, helpful and creative young people in our community.

We sent out a call asking for help to decorate for the Community Christmas Party. The junior high students showed up, dressed in their formal wear and proceeded to work! Within an hour they had all the tables set up, chair covers on, table decorations placed, and the trees ready for decorating. The hall transformed from a huge empty space to an elegant dining room in very short order. These young people are so eager to help that it keeps us hopping to have jobs lined up for them. We truly do appreciate your help and if anyone says teenagers are lazy and have an attitude, we here in Dewberry have living proof that is definitely not the case!! The only attitude these youngsters have is one of generosity, helpfulness and cooperation. THANK YOU, we are very proud of each and every one of you.

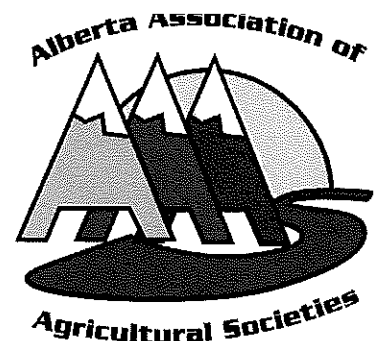
Nearly 100 guests enjoyed the Dewberry Ag Society Community Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The hall was elegantly decorated for the event and the meal prepared by Country Kitchen Catering was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The comedy entertainment provided by Atomic Improv was absolutely hilarious and had everyone in stitches. The evening wrapped up with some great tunes from Robins DJ Service and lots of socializing and fun completed the evening. Thanks to everyone that bought tickets and a BIG thanks to Sherwood Brothers for again choosing our evening as your staff Christmas Party, your participation is what continues to make this event, in its current form, viable. A huge Thank You is also extended to everyone that came to the hall following the school concert to help us complete the decorating. It was so refreshing to have some young parents involved with some fresh ideas on how to make the event more festive. Your help is very much appreciated!!

Final figures have not yet been tallied, but a financial report for the event will follow in the New Year.



Decembers pancake supper was very well attended -- a big Thanks to the Dewberry Fire Department and Doris West for preparing the meal. Proceeds for the supper were \$301.00. The raffle prize donated by Holly Holmen was won by Jelena Parr and it netted \$116.00.

**Next pancake supper is in March, maybe some green pancakes???**



#### AAAS REGION 4 MEETING

True to form the weather was a challenge again this year for travelling to this event. Thankfully, we only had to drive to Marwayne in the freezing rain. There was a really good turnout, the best in the province for regional meetings this fall. Some valuable information was shared by Tim Carson, our CEO and Lisa Hardy CAO regarding the positive impact that Ag Societies have in their communities around the province and the important role that Ag Societies play in keeping rural Alberta active and viable. Thanks for boosting our spirits again Tim and Lisa!!

## MEETING NOTICE

Annual General Meeting of the Dewberry and District Agricultural Society will be held at the Dewberry Arena Booth on **January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Annual financial statements will be presented, election of executive will be held, and membership fees collected. Coffee and do-nuts will be served. Everyone welcome!

Annual A.A.A.S. Convention is in Edmonton at the Ramada Conference Center from Feb 5-7, 2016. This is an amazing learning and networking opportunity and if any Ag members are interested in attending they should contact the Dewberry Ag Society executive for more details

*We make a living by what we  
get,  
but we make a life by what we  
give*

*- Winston Churchill*

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*May the dawn of this New Year,  
Bring new joys for you ...  
May your new year be blessed with  
peace, prosperity and happiness  
too!*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Happy News Years!	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Dewberry Ag Society Meeting				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						Riverton Pancake Supper & Bingo
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Dewberry Hall Society Meeting				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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