



February 2012

## The Village of Dewberry Community Newsletter

### Happy Valentines Day

#### Upcoming Events

Dewberry and District  
Agricultural Society  
Regular monthly meetings  
Fourth Tuesday of each month.  
At 7:00pm in the arena booth.

Dewberry Lion L's  
Annual Fashion Show  
April 28 2012  
Watch for more details

Riverton Pancake Supper & Bingo  
Saturday Feb 11 2012  
5:30pm Supper Bingo to follow  
Riverton Hall

Hope in Motion Meeting  
Harcore Café  
Feb 13 2012  
7:00pm

#### Dewberry Community Church News

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

Service Time/Sunday School  
10:30am

For more information on  
Youth Group or Bible Study  
Please contact Church.



Notice to all  
residents and  
owners of  
commercial  
properties.

All garbage  
must be  
bagged, no  
loose garbage  
will be picked  
up.

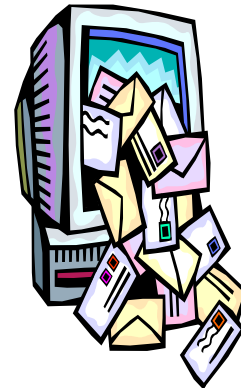
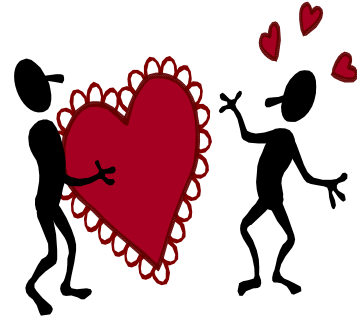
Yard waste will  
not be picked  
up only  
Household  
Waste.

On the Village's  
designated  
garbage day  
Thursday AM  
it is your  
responsibility to  
ensure that  
your garbage is  
placed in a  
accessible area.

Garbage  
deemed not  
accessible for  
pickup will not  
be picked up.

Please have  
garbage ready  
to be picked up  
at front of  
property  
Only.

Thank You for  
your assistance  
with this  
matter.



Interested in getting the  
Village newsletter via  
email??

Contact Village Office  
To arrange.

**AGENCIES CONTACT  
INFORMATION**

**ALBERTA HEALTH  
SERVICES – CENTRAL  
ZONE (EAST)**  
Susan McCulley – Health  
Promotion Programmer  
(780) 842-4077  
310-0000-842-4077  
(Toll Free)

**FAMILY AND  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
SERVICES (FCSS)**  
Carol Coleman  
(780) 853-5358

**FAMILY SCHOOL  
LIASON (FSL)**  
Pat Calyniuk  
(780) 853-4164

**RCMP**  
Vermilion Detachment  
(780) 853-4441

Kitscoty Detachment  
(780) 846-2870

**HEALTH LINK ALBERTA**  
1-866-408-5465

Want to take a peek at  
our region?

[www.vermillionriverregion  
.ca](http://www.vermillionriverregion.ca)

[http://www.albertahealth  
services.ca/](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/)



**Don't forget  
Your Valentine  
On  
Valentines  
Day**

Note from  
Kitscoty RCMP

The Kitscoty RCMP would like to extend a reminder to the public to please drive safe through the winter months. The amount of traffic collisions during the winter time increase due to poor road conditions. It is up to drivers to slow down, drive at a reasonable speed for the conditions, and drive defensively.

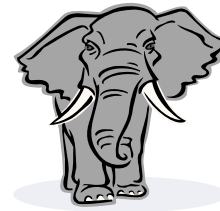
The maximum speed limited is posted to provide drivers with a speed limit that has been deemed as the maximum limit to drive on that specified road.

To avoid further collisions, driver's are urged to operate their motor vehicles at reduced speeds, especially when the road conditions are icy, snowy and visibility is poor.  
Drive Safe.

Cst. Lee M.W. Popescul



**Fun Water Fact**



**Did you know that elephants  
are reported to smell water  
anywhere from 4.5 km to  
19 km away??!!**

[www.ecokids.ca](http://www.ecokids.ca)

**Senior Scenerios**



On Tues. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> the Senior Citizens are hosting a noon potluck meal followed by Richard Popovich presenting "The Sheriff" show about 1:00pm. His website says he is a "wise-cracking cowboy that keeps you laughing while he entertains you with comedy, impersonations, jokes and famous western songs. This is a special presentation for seniors anyone of 50+ is welcome to come. Just bring a dish for dinner and \$5.00 to be collected to defray costs. For more information call Margaret West. Hope to see you there!

Also the Centre is open every Tuesday at 1:30pm for ladies exercise or cards (usually men) in the north room. About 2:00pm the coffee is on and everyone is welcome to come and socialize.

Next meeting begins with a noon potluck on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>  
To book the Centre call Joanne at 780-847-3807 or Lillian at 780-847-3034.

## Memoriam

**Mr. Richard Sweet passed away on Wed Jan 18 2012 in Edmonton Alberta at the age of 78 years. Services were held at the Vermilion Senior's Centre On Jan 23 2012. Sincere condolences are extended to the Sweet Families.**

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**Have you recently changed your mailing address???**

**Have you notified the Village office of the change??**

**You could run the risk of not receiving important information if we don't have a current mailing address.**

**So please keep us Updated.**

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With such a great response of our last fall's fundraiser, Mom's Pantry, The committee has decided to host another Mom's Pantry fundraiser beginning February 1 2012 to February 28 2012.;

Our team to contact, should you wish to inquire or make a purchase are:

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|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| Seller #1 | Jennifer Romanchuk | 780-847-3511 |
| Seller #2 | Melanie Stevenson  | 780-847-4064 |
| Seller #3 | Kathryn Warawa     | 780-847-4400 |
| Seller #4 | Priscilla Fluney   | 780-847-2554 |
| Seller #5 | Helen Nowosad      | 780-847-2446 |
| Seller #6 | Mei Guan           | 780-847-4040 |

You can also drop off orders along with payment, at the Dewberry Post Office.

Mom's Pantry has set up an on-line account for our fundraiser, giving us another 25% commission, should you wish to put in your order yourself

At [www.momspantry.ca](http://www.momspantry.ca)

How to place your online order is as follows:

1. Create an account and then login to online ordering at [www.momspantry.ca](http://www.momspantry.ca)
2. Choose the fundraising order option
3. A pop up box will appear for you to login to our fundraising Order. Enter in order number **78752** and password **24949**
4. Place your order and checkout
5. Print your receipt and wait for further communication from our Group regarding the pickup location and date.

All orders will be due for us to send to Mom's Pantry on **Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>**

This is to allow for the delivery of purchases to arrive hopefully By Thursday March 22 2012 at the Dewberry School.

Thank you  
Dewberry Early Childhood Society

## Valentines History

Every February we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving flowers, candy and cards to those we love. We do this in honor of Saint Valentine.

You may be wondering "Who is St. Valentine?" time to brush up on your Valentine's history.

There are many legends of the name here is one...

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for your men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine, decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly.

**Water Conservation  
A Community Plan**

The Village of Dewberry has been providing residents and readers of the Village newsletter with ideas on how to conserve water, both inside their homes and outside.

The Village has also :

Arranged for residents to receive water meters for their residence or business.

**Those who do not have their meters installed or have not picked up one from the Village office should do so as soon as possible.**

The Village will begin water meter readings in the new year, a base rate will be determined by Village Council.

Once the initial readings are completed, the information obtained from the readings will appear on the bills, helping residents to better understand their actual usage.

The Village will then begin billing on actual usage.

So please do your part .

The Village of Dewberry is a part of the ACE Regional Water Line. This organization is working towards the supplying of potable water to municipalities via a regional pipeline.

The Village is responsible to the organization for our portion of the costs of supplying this service.

The estimated costs for the service is  
\$ 265,052.74

To assist with these costs as of March 01 2012 the Village will be introducing a distribution charge of \$20.00 per month to the Village's utility billing.

We thank you in advance  
For your assistance with  
This.



Congratulations  
To Christy Rascher on the  
Arrival of her daughter  
Sarah Marie a little sister  
For Kale.  
December 2011

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Dewberry Heritage Villas  
Has a Vacancy  
In Villa 2  
For more information or to  
Obtain an application  
Please contact the Village Office  
780-847-3053

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Village Talk – Jan 2012

Family Community  
Support Services  
Shirley McRobert  
Senior Support Coordinator  
Phone 780-581-2414  
Email:smcrobot@vermilion.ca

**2012 Minister's Seniors Service  
Awards**

Minister of Seniors, Honorable George Vanderburg, is calling for nominations for the 2012 Senior Service Awards. The Minister's Senior Service Awards recognize Albertans who volunteer their time to make a difference in the lives of the province's seniors. Individuals of all ages and organizations are eligible for the awards, which are presented at a special ceremony in June during Senior's Week.

Take this opportunity to recognize individual volunteer, and / or organizations for their exceptional volunteer service to Alberta's Seniors. To be considered a complete nomination package must be received by Feb 29 2012. For more information on awards and nomination forms, please go online to [www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/awards](http://www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/awards)  
Or call Shirley McRoberts at  
780-581-2414.

**Thank You**

Rob and Maureen Waldorf would like to thank family, friends and all the great people of Dewberry and surrounding area for the help in getting me to California for the Liberation Therapy. It was a fantastic trip down to California and back. Since the procedure was done my M.S. fatigue has gone and I have warm hands and feet. I still can't walk but I have hope now, which I didn't have before.

Thank you for everything and this was the nicest Christmas Gift I could have received.

Thank you again  
Rob Waldorf

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**Hope in Motion**

We are presently struggling, for members, for this cause. Our Annual Meeting is on Feb 13/12 at 7:00pm At the Hardcore Cafe

We need people like you to step up to the plate or our group will fold.

Bring your friends,  
neighbors or relatives  
We need You!

Just remember the next person we help could be you or your family.

Thank you  
Hope in Motion.



COLOR ME PLEEEASSE???

***MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR***

**WAY TO GO TO THE AG SOCIETY !!**

**THE CRITTERS GAME WAS GOOD  
CLEAN FUN.**

**AND GREAT JOB BY THE  
DEWBERRY MUSTANGS.**

**THIS IS WHAT SMALL TOWN  
ALBERTA DOES.**

**IT WAS A TOTAL SUCCESS.**

**WELL DONE**

**MAYOR  
HEADLEY DENNILL**

# Spending Valentine's Day with Hoja

Dewberry School is proud to play host to "Hoja" on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 1:45pm to 2:45pm.

## **WHAT IS HOJA?**

*HOJA (hoe-jah) is Canadian acappella group formed in the summer of 1998 and originally based out of Saskatoon, SK. Over the past decade, HOJA has recorded five CD's (selling over 25,000 units) and performed for more than 3,000 audiences (over 750,000 people) from British Columbia to Ontario. Our repertoire is filled with favorite songs from the 50's to the present that span every style of music — from doo wop to rock, country to disco — no genre is safe from Canada's favorite acappella heroes! Each member of HOJA sings a variety of different voice parts including bass lines, lead vocals, tenor and baritone parts, instrument sounds such as guitars and trumpets, beatboxing and drum noises, and assorted sound effects. Audiences are often amazed to learn that every sound during the performance is being created live by the singers on stage... there are no backup tracks! In the summer of 2009 the group officially relocated to Calgary, AB, and we plan to release our sixth professional CD in 2010.*

*Originally, HOJA started out performing for company Christmas parties, community events, corporate functions, and other events for adults and families. However, we soon realized that we could have a tremendous impact on the youth of today by developing a school presentation that not only entertained the students, but also gave them some concrete tools for helping to shape their lives and achieve their dreams as we have done for ourselves.*

*We are very proud of the fact that many students have told us years later that we impacted their lives when they were younger and that they have taken our message, example, and encouragement to heart.*

All students from kindergarten to grade 12 will have the opportunity to spread their cultural wings!

**Community members are welcome to attend what is sure to be a great time!**

If you have any questions about the event, please contact  
Mrs. Stevenson (780-847-3051).



## Dewberry School Shines!



### School boasts impressive results in Alberta Education's Annual Education Results Report

Alberta Education gathers information in regards to school performance on an ongoing basis and issues an annual education results report for each school in the province.

Dewberry School's results for the 2010-2011 school year place the school's performance amongst the highest in both Buffalo Trail Public Schools and the province of Alberta.

In the 10 areas of performance reported for the school, Dewberry School was rated as "Excellent" in 7 of the 10 categories. "Excellent" is the highest possible rating a school can receive in any one category and to receive this rating in so many categories is considered to be very impressive.

Among the areas for which the school was rated "Excellent" were:

Safe & Caring Schools

Education Quality

Drop Out Rate

Provincial Achievement Exam Results

Citizenship

Parental Involvement

School Improvement

The success of the school and its students would not be possible without the strong support of community and families. Thank you for your ongoing support in making Dewberry School an enjoyable and effective place for students to learn!

Brad Romanchuk