



Ag. Service Board Breakfasts

The Saddle Hills County Agricultural Service Board would like to invite all County residents to the 2008 ASB Breakfasts.

Date	Location
Mar. 4	Blueberry Mountain
Mar. 6	Woking

The breakfasts will kick off at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Weed Contest

Over the past few months, we've been running articles on the Top 3 Most Wanted Weeds in Saddle Hills County. Now it's time to test your knowledge and win some great prizes. Here are the (somewhat) skill-testing questions:

1. How did scentless chamomile come to Canada?
2. What is the point of biological weed controls?
3. Why isn't grazing a good strategy to control scentless chamomile?
4. Name 3 ways you can use your crop to help get rid of Canada thistle.
5. What's the best way to control a small infestation of scentless chamomile?
6. What is integrated weed management? If you've never tried it before, would you consider using it?
7. How can you control toadflax without using chemicals?
8. What is your personal favourite weed management method?

Please submit your answers to these questions, along with your name and phone number, to Weed Contest, c/o Amy Kaut, P.O. Box 69, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0, fax to (780) 864-2008, or email to akaut@saddlehills.ab.ca. One entry per person. Deadline for entries is March 22, 2008. Correct entries will be entered to win:

- 1st Prize: \$100 UFA gift certificate & a Saddle Hills County shirt
- 2nd Prize: \$50 UFA gift certificate & a Saddle Hills County travel mug
- 3rd Prize: Saddle Hills County shirt, hat and travel mug

All winners will also receive a copy of 'Weeds of the Prairies' published by Alberta Agriculture & Food. Winners' names will be published on the Saddle Hills County Community Update page.

Northlands Farm Family Award Nominations

Saddle Hills County is currently taking nominations for the 2008 Northlands Farm Family Award. This award recognizes those who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community, giving equal consideration to farming business practices and community involvement. The family must be an active farm family unit where agriculture is the major source of income. The farm family is considered as the immediate family currently involved in the family farm operation. Nominees should:

- Increase awareness of agriculture and maintain a high standard in their agriculture business.
- Promote the agriculture community through involvement and rural citizenship.
- Be proactive in new agricultural technologies.
- Act as a role model to the rural community.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the Manager of Rural Development's office, or contact Amy at (780) 864-3760 to obtain a fax or email copy.

Please mail nominations to Farm Family Award, c/o Amy Kaut, P.O. Box 69, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0; fax to (780) 864-2008; or email to akaut@saddlehills.ab.ca. Nominations will cease on March 14, 2008.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

The following development permits have been conditionally approved by Saddle Hills County, subject to the right of appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal against these developments must do so in writing, stating the reasons for the appeal by 4:30 p.m. on the appeal deadline. Letters of appeal should be addressed to: Secretary, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Box 69, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

APPLICATION	69-DP-07
LOCATION	11-22-081-11-W6
DEVELOPMENT	Office Building
OWNER/DEVELOPER	Conoco Phillips Canada (Burlington Resources)
APPEAL DEADLINE	March 19, 2008

Saddle Hills County Fire Services

Next Regular Practice / Meetings

Tuesday March 4, 2008 7:30 PM
 • Happy Valley Fire Department
 • Savanna Fire Department

Wednesday March 5, 2008 7:30 PM
 • Blueberry Fire Department

Variety Market

Fourth Creek Hall
 Saturday, April 19, 2008
 10:00 – 4:00

To book a table call Audrey at 351-2227

Clubroot Information Meeting

Saddle Hills County, Birch Hills County and the M.D. of Spirit River are pleased to present a free information session on Clubroot on April 2, 2008 from 7pm to 10:30pm at the Rycroft Memorial Hall.

Topics include plant breeding, clubroot management strategy, and pathology of this devastating canola disease.

There will also be a spokesman from Leduc County available for questions.

For more information, contact your local agricultural fieldman.

Employment Opportunities

Saddle Hills County Agricultural Service Board

The Saddle Hills County Agricultural Service Board, based out of Spirit River, Alberta, is looking to fill the following term positions. These positions will commence on or after May 1, 2008 and last for 16 weeks, with the possibility of extension.

Weed Inspectors - 5 positions

- Responsible for working with landowners, private companies and government to control and eradicate noxious and restricted weeds on their property, as well as weed control on County property.
- Must have excellent written and oral communication skills.
- A Pesticide Applicator or Authorized Assistant Certificate is an asset but not necessary.
- Wage Scale: \$15.42 - \$18.35 per hour

Roadside Mower Operators – 2 positions

- Responsible for mowing County road Rights-of-Way.
- Required to perform daily inspections and maintenance on their equipment (New Holland TV140 tractor and Schulte 15-ft. mower deck).
- Previous mowing experience an asset.
- Wage Scale: \$20.28 - \$22.93 per hour

Yard Maintenance Person – 1 position

- Responsible for mowing County fire halls, administration building and the hamlet of Woking, as well as yard maintenance and other duties as required.
- Required to perform daily inspections and maintenance on their equipment (John Deere GX355 lawn tractor).
- Wage Scale: \$15.42 - \$18.35 per hour

General Requirements:

Candidates must possess a minimum of a class 5 valid driver's license and be able to provide a current driver's abstract upon request. Knowledge of the County is an asset. All candidates will be required to perform daily inspections and maintenance on their respective equipment. All candidates will be required to record a daily log and any other information related to their respective position as indicated by their supervisor. These are union positions subject to the Collective Agreement between Saddle Hills County and the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees Local 118/006.

For further information on the above positions please contact Amy Kaut, Manager of Rural Development at (780) 864-3760. Please send resume or completed applications to Saddle Hills County, P.O. Box 69, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0 or e-mail to akaut@saddlehills.ab.ca. Please indicate the position that you are applying for. **Deadline for applications is April 1, 2008.**