



Local Family Wins Award

Vicky and John Juzwishin and their family were recent recipients of the 2008 Farm Family Award in the county of Saddle Hills. The presentations and banquet were sponsored by the AMA and Northlands and were held at the annual Farm Fair in Edmonton on November 2, 2008. Congratulatory messages were received from MP Chris Warkentin and MLA Hector Goudreau.

The Juzwishin family farm began in 1930 as a 160-acre homestead and has grown to over 4000 acres in size. John and Vicky have spent their entire lifetime growing grain in the Spirit River area, embodying the pioneering and independent spirit of the Alberta farm family. They run an innovative and environmentally sustainable business practice including minimum tillage, using a canola and wheat-based crop rotation, an integrated approach to weed management and using new cultivators every 2 years. Stubble is left to catch snow and resist erosion. None of the land is fallowed. Straw and chaff are blown back onto the land of harvest to build organic matter and riparian areas on the farm are preserved. John, Vicky, their son Jason and

his wife Shandy took the Farmer's Pesticide Course, completed an Environmental Farm Plan and continue their education by attending CATS Program producer meetings. The farm itself has 2 shops, 3 machinery sheds and a welding and repair garage to maintain all farm machinery.

Their entire family is involved in the farming operation, mainly during seeding and harvest times. Their daughter Tammy and her husband Rob are both teachers living in Grande Prairie, and are always willing to lend a helping hand. Their son Jason and his wife Shandy live only 4 miles away and work together daily with Vicky and John. The Juzwishin family are leaders in the church and community. John and Vicky have dedicated over 40 years of service with the Holy Trinity Russo Orthodox Church. Jason has spent many years on a variety of seed cleaning and conservation boards. Both John and Jason have volunteered for the local fire department and the museum. In their spare time, the Juzwishin's have kept busy playing music and have played with their band throughout the region for numerous years.

Transfer Station Hours

Transfer stations within Saddle Hills County now operate on a year-round schedule. If you have any questions or concerns contact the Public Works Department at 780-864-3760.

Woking	Tuesday	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Blueberry	Wednesday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
	Saturday	1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Bonanza	Friday	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am - 12:30 pm
CCS Spirit River Landfill	Mon-Sat	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Gundy	Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

ASB Spray Agreement PROGRAM

The Saddle Hills County Agricultural Service Board currently has a program in place for landowners who require spot spraying of noxious weeds on their private property. The landowner may contact the Manager of Rural Development or their local Weed Inspector and sign a spray agreement to allow the weed inspector to enter their land and spray for weeds. The weed inspector will do a preliminary inspection to ensure that the weed problem is within the scope of the program and to choose the proper herbicide to control the weeds. The County has several options depending on the size and location of the infestation, such as backpack sprayer, skid-mount sprayer, quad sprayer or boom buster.

This program is administered at the discretion of the Manager of Rural Development and is dependent upon available time and proper weather conditions for spraying. If you have a localized noxious weed infestation on your property and do not have access to a sprayer of your own, keep this program in mind. Spraying a small patch of weeds is much easier than dealing with them once they've taken over your field. If you have any questions, please contact the Manager of Rural Development.

Signaling Saddle Hills for Snow Removal

All seniors and disabled ratepayers may request to have their driveways cleared by their local grader operator free of charge. All other ratepayers can purchase flags for a cost of \$50.00.

Flags can be obtained at the Saddle Hills County Office and local stores. Ratepayers will be required to fill out a Snow Plow Agreement. Some notes about the about the Snow Plow Agreement:

- Firstly, the priority will be to clear all local infrastructure prior to having driveways plowed.
- Snow flags must be placed at the end of the driveway, where they are clearly visible to grader operators.
- The grader operator will typically make one pass into and one pass out of each driveway to allow the ratepayer to access the road from their home.
- Access to granaries, barns, or any other outbuildings will not be plowed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this service, please feel free to contact the Saddle Hills County Public Works Department at (780) 864-3760.

Get to Know Your Council

County Council is responsible for providing overall governance for our community including establishing municipal service levels, approving the annual budget and local taxation levels.

Council has seven members and is headed by the Reeve.

Get to know your council by visiting our web site and clicking "Reeve & Council."

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Reopened!

UPDATED

Notice is hereby given that Range Road 81 located at SW 36-81-08 W6 is now open. The installation of the bridge sized culvert at this location has been completed successfully. Please contact the Public Works department of Saddle Hills County at 780-864-3760 with any questions.