



Request for Proposal: Rental Tractor

Saddle Hills County is seeking a rental tractor for use this summer with their roadside mowing program. The tractor will be required from June 15 until August 31, with a possibility of extension into September if required. Specifications for the tractor are as follows:

- Preferably less than 5 years old
- 105-140 PTO/HP
- Non-articulating
- Front wheel assist
- Dual rear wheels would be preferred
- FOB Spirit River, Alberta

More than one quote per dealer is acceptable. Quotes will be accepted until March 2, 2009. Additional information can be obtained from and quotes sent to Amy Kaut, Manager of Rural Development, P.O. Box 69, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0. Please include all details of rental agreement, including:

- Rate per hour of use
- Minimum cost per month
- Repair coverage – in-house versus at dealership, hourly rates, etc.
- Maintenance requirements – types and amount of oil used, etc.

Where in the County is this?

A CONTEST TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SADDLE HILLS COUNTY GEOGRAPHY

If you know where this photo was taken, you could win great prizes! Cut out this photo and keep it on your fridge or another safe place with your answer. Another photo will appear in next week's edition of the Saddle Hills Community Update. Once all six photos have been displayed, watch for instructions about how to send your answers for your chance to win!

Employment Opportunities

The Saddle Hills County is seeking to fill the following term positions. These positions will commence on or after May 1, 2009.

Weed Inspectors - 5 positions
Yard Maintenance Person - 1 position
Mower Operator / Labourer - 2 positions

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. For more information, visit www.saddlehills.ab.ca for full job descriptions or, contact Amy Kaut, Manager of Rural Development at (780) 864-3760. Please apply with 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. The deadline for applications is March 2, 2009.

PEACE AIR SHED ZONE ASSOCIATION Photo Contest

Calling all amateur photographers! The Peace Air Shed Zone Association is inviting any residents within its boundaries with an eye for the perfect shot to submit up to four of their favourite shots from any of the following categories: (1) Air quality in the Peace region, (2) People and the environment, and (3) The PASZA landscape. Cash prizes will be awarded for each category to photographers in each age class (under 18 years old and over 18 years old). Submissions can be sent via email to dawn.pasza@xplornet.com or sent to: Peace Air Shed Association, Box 21135, Grande Prairie, AB, T8V 6W7.

Deadline for submissions is July 15th, 2009. For more information on full contest rules and regulations call Dawn Ewan at 780-833-4343 or visit www.saddlehills.ab.ca.

Pondering a Shelterbelt? APPLY BEFORE MARCH 15

If you own more than 5 acres, you can get free shelterbelt trees from PFRA. Application forms are available at the County office or online at www.agr.gc.ca/pfra. Application must be submitted to PFRA before March 15, 2009 to receive trees in May.

Ag Service Board Breakfasts

Come on down to the Saddle Hills County Ag Service Board Breakfasts for some great food and hear a compelling new speaker at each one! The breakfasts kick off at 9 a.m. and the speakers at 10 a.m. Ratepayers are welcome to come hear any speaker that interests them. We hope to see you there!

Feb. 26 Bonanza Community Hall
With Nick Underwood from Reduced Tillage Linkages on "Introduction to Direct Seeding."

Feb. 27 Savanna Community Hall
With Greg Malyk from ATB Financial on "Agricultural Lending."

Mar. 2 Woking Community Hall
With David Wong from Alberta Agriculture on "Grain Market Outlook."

Mar. 3 Blueberry Mountain Comm. Hall
With Jaime Borduzak from the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association & Garry Ropchan from the Central Peace Conservation Society on "Applied Research Associations."

Mar. 4 Gordondale Community Hall
With Elaine Fitzpatrick from AFSC on "Crop & Livestock Insurance."



HAY AND PASTURE LAND
Insurance Deadline

February 28, 2009 is the deadline for insuring your hay and pasture land against drought and other disasters. Low soil moisture across much of Saddle Hills County in 2008 may increase the likelihood of drought damage occurring in 2009. Please contact your local AFSC office at 780-864-3896 for more information.

Janitorial Services TENDER

Janitorial Services are required for Saddle Hills County Administration Building, 5201 – 47 Street, Spirit River, AB and Field Operations Shop, 5203 – Highway 49, Spirit River, AB. Position will commence May 1, 2009.

The tender packages will be available at the office for pick up. Closing date for tenders is Monday, March 6, 2009, 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 780-864-3760.

SAVANNA AG SOCIETY Winter Barbecue

The Savanna Agricultural Society will be hosting a winter barbecue Saturday February 29 at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Savanna Rec Plex. Activities will include cross country skiing, skating, great conversation, and more!

Admission is free with donations being accepted for the Savanna Agricultural Society. Sunscreen is optional.

SEND IN YOUR Snappiest Snapshot

Saddle Hills County is presenting a photo contest for residents who enjoy local photography. Residents can send their favourite shots from any season as many times as they wish to Saddle Hills County and be entered to win \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place. Prize money will be awarded for each of the following categories: (1) Scenery, (2) Industry, and (3) People, places, things. Submissions should include both JPEG format digital and 8" x 10" print copies of the photo and will be considered property of Saddle Hills County. Submissions will not be returned to the submitting resident.

Deadline for submissions is August 14th, 2009. Submissions should be addressed to "Photo Contest" and mailed to the address in the green area below. When making a contest submission please include information about the photographer (ie. name, mailing address, email address, and phone number) and information about the photo (ie. geographical location, date taken, and the category).