



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).

Attention: OILFIELD PERSONNEL & INDUSTRIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATORS!

The Peace Region Agricultural Fieldmen is host of two Pest Awareness Workshops for oilfield and industry to discuss weeds and pests of concern, how they spread, how they can be controlled, and the legislation in place to help control these pests. The remaining session will prove very useful if you work on oil leases, pipelines, gas plants or are otherwise affiliated with the oilfield. The final workshop runs from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on April 7, 2009 at Rycroft Memorial Hall.

There will be Pesticide Applicator CEUs available, and pesticide applicators may register an information booth to network with oilfield companies for a cost of \$50.

For more information or to register, please contact Normand Boulet, Agricultural Fieldman with the MD of Smoky River at 780-837-2222. You can also contact Susan Kerekanich with the MD of Greenview at 780-524-7615.

2009 MONSANTO CANADA OPPORTUNITY Scholarship Program

Monsanto Canada is pleased to announce details of its 2008 Opportunity Scholarship program.

This year, Monsanto Canada estimates it will provide approximately 60 scholarships to deserving high school students across the country entering their first year of post-secondary education in agriculture or forestry. Each scholarship is valued at \$1,500 and will be awarded to students who meet the following criteria:

- Students must be from an agricultural or forestry family farming operation with plans to enter their first year of post-secondary education in agricultural sciences or forestry;
- Students must have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership capabilities and active involvement in their local community;
- Complete applications, including an application essay, must be post-marked no later than May 15, 2009.

Complete details are available at www.monsanto.ca or by calling Monsanto Canada's Customer Care line at 1-800-667-4944.

Construction Equipment Bids

All owners of construction equipment wishing to submit bids for positions on the Saddle Hills County day labor lists and gravel haul are welcome to pick up a bid sheet.

Bids are required for construction equipment including but not limited to: crawlers, graders, packers, buggies, hoes, steamers, trucks in combination with trailers (Gravel Trucks), pups or wagons, etc.

Bid sheets are available at the Administration Building, Field Operations Office and online at www.saddlehills.ab.ca.

Please submit bids by April 31, 2009 to the attention of Jason Jagodich, Director of Public Works at the address below or by email at: jjagodich@saddlehills.ab.ca.

Saddle Hills County Bursary

Two scholarships of \$1,750 are offered annually and an additional NADC Partnership Bursary, in the amount of \$1,750, is available for both. To be eligible, candidates must:

- be a resident of Saddle Hills County for a minimum of one year and a one year resident in Alberta immediately prior to the application date,
- be enrolled full time in a post secondary program recognized by Alberta Advanced Education,
- be committed to living and working in northern Alberta, and
- have reasonably good prospects for employment in northern Alberta after graduation.

To apply for the bursary:

- write a paragraph of at least 500 words detailing your chosen field of study,
- supply two (2) letters of reference,
- complete the scholarship application
- Complete the application for NADC Bursary Partnerships Program.



Both application forms may be accessed from www.saddlehills.ab.ca. Send the complete package to the address shown below "Attention: Bursary Committee" postmarked no later than May 15, 2009. For more information, please feel free to contact the Saddle Hills County Administration Office at 780-864-3760

Fire and Ice

REDUCING THE RISK OF WINTER BURNING

With snow now blanketing much of the province, Albertans may assume there's enough moisture to eliminate the chance of starting a wildfire. While the risk of starting fires is low, there may still be holdover fires.

Holdover fires often start during the fall and winter months as a result of improperly extinguished fires. These fires smoulder underground for a number of months and come to the surface in the spring as a wildfire after the snow pack has melted and fuel such as dry grass and wood becomes more abundant.

To avoid accidentally starting a holdover fire, it's important to make sure any winter burning is completely extinguished. To properly extinguish a fire, completely soak the area with water, stir up the ashes and soak the area again. Checking your winter burn sites early in the spring for any hot spots will also help reduce the risk. Alberta Sustainable Resource Development is committed to working with Albertans to reduce the number of human-caused wildfire. About 50 per cent of wildfires in Alberta are caused by human activity...it's important we all do our part to help prevent wildfires and protect our forests.

Remember, to report a wildfire, call 310-FIRE

Country Market

There will be an Art Show and Sale at the Silver Valley Hall May 2nd, 2009 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. To book a table call Mary Fox at 351-2199. For art show inquiries call Vi Steinke at 351-2174. There will be paintings, crafts, baking, bedding plants, and many other wonderful items available. Hope to see you there!

Bingo

GRAB YER DABBER!

Take in an evening of Bingo at Fourth Creek Hall Friday, April 3rd at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!