



# THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

## Upcoming Events

### SPRING BREAK-UP DINE & DANCE FUNDRAISER - APR. 18

The Rycroft Agricultural Society will host the Spring Break-Up Dine & Dance Fundraiser on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, at the Rycroft Ag Centre. Proceeds from the evening will support the Spirit River Regional Daycare Society in the development of a new childcare facility, which will provide 102 licensed daycare spaces for the region.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guests can look forward to live and silent auctions, entertainment, and a dance to round out the night. A cash bar will be available, with drink tickets priced at \$5 each. This is an 18+ event. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available for purchase at Solution Services, Edge Auto Repair, Spirit River Flooring, Home Hardware in Spirit River, and Wells Fuel Service (UFA) in Rycroft.

### SPRING FLING DINNER & DANCE - APR. 25

Join the 4H Alberta East West Working 4H Club for their Spring Fling Dinner & Dance held on **April 25, 2026** at Spirit River Centennial Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., BBQ dinner at 6 p.m., and the dance begins at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$25 per person, or enjoy both dinner and the dance for \$30 per person. Kids 12 and under are \$15, and children 5 and under are free. Admission for the dance only is \$10 per person. To RSVP for dinner, please contact Susie at **(780) 499-9699**.

### 27TH ANNUAL ART SHOW - MAY 3

The Spirit River Municipal Library is hosting its 27th Annual Art Show and Sale on **May 3, 2026**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This popular event showcases the incredible talent of local and regional artists, offering a wide variety of artwork for the public to enjoy and purchase. The show also serves as an important fundraiser in support of the library and its programs. Artists interested in participating, or those who know someone who would like to showcase their work, are encouraged to contact the library at (780) 864-4038 or by email at [librarian@spiritrivervlibrary.ab.ca](mailto:librarian@spiritrivervlibrary.ab.ca) for more information.

### ROOTS TO RESULTS: SOIL, CARE & TREE GRAFTING - MAY 5

Saddle Hills County is hosting Roots to Results: Soil, Care & Fruit Tree Grafting, a hands-on workshop with tree care and forestry specialist Toso Bozic, at the Gordondale Hall, on **May 5, 2026**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This practical session will cover fruit tree grafting techniques, including types of grafting, proper timing, rootstock selection, and common mistakes to avoid. Participants will also learn essential pruning practices for apples, pears, cherries, raspberries, and other fruit-bearing plants, including pruning types, timing, tools, safety considerations, and fruit-specific pruning methods. The workshop will also explore the importance of understanding your soil and preparing your site before planting. Improper soil preparation is one of the most common mistakes in tree planting, and this session will provide guidance on how to set trees up for long-term success. This event is free and lunch will be provided. To register for the event, visit [saddlehills.ab.ca/Events](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/Events)

## WE'RE HIRING

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit [saddlehills.ab.ca/careers](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/careers)

PERMANENT FULL TIME

- **Equipment Operator II**

### G5 RECREATION REGIONALIZATION STRATEGY SURVEY

Nustadia Recreation Inc., in partnership with the Town of Spirit River and the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, is undertaking a regional study to explore opportunities for enhanced collaboration in the planning, development, and delivery of recreation facilities and services across the G5 communities. Funded by the Province of Alberta, this study aims to better understand the current and future recreation needs of residents throughout the region. Input is essential to help guide long-term planning, investment decisions, and policy development to ensure recreation opportunities remain accessible, sustainable, and responsive to the diverse needs of our communities. For more information or to fill out the survey visit

[Saddlehills.ab.ca/News](https://Saddlehills.ab.ca/News)

### 2026 FENCELINE SPRAYING AND DO NOT SPRAY AGREEMENTS

The Agricultural Services Department conducts their annual spraying and mowing programs on County Road allowances, using a 3-year rotational cycle, to ensure effective weed and pest control for the entirety of the County. Tentative spray areas for 2026 will include but are not limited to: **Blueberry Mountain, Whitburn, Happy Valley and East Woking**. The deadline to submit No spray and Fenceline Spraying agreements will be **April 30, 2026**. For more information: (780) 864-3760 or email [ag@saddlehills.ab.ca](mailto:ag@saddlehills.ab.ca)

### DUST CONTROL APPLICATIONS OPEN

Each year, Saddle Hills County offers dust control treatments on roads in front of residences at a cost approved by Council. Rates for 2026 are as follows:

- Residential: \$200 (plus GST) per 100m
- Industrial: \$670 (plus GST) per 100m

If you are interested in dust control in front of your residence please complete the application, available on our website or at the County office, by **May 15, 2026**. If you have any questions or require assistance please contact Operations at (780) 864-3760.



## COUNTY CALENDAR: APRIL & MAY 2026

Apr. 16, 6:00 p.m.

Agricultural Service Board Meeting

Apr. 28, 9:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

May 12, 9:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

May 26, 9:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting



## RURAL POTABLE WATER PROGRAM

Making sure residents have access to clean and safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. If you are interested in having your property hooked-up to the County's expanding rural potable water system, at no connection charge, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, available on our website, by scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For more information: **Darren Lubeck (780) 864-3760**



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