



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

THE POWER OF PLAY - THURS.

The Power of Play is a free early childhood program for children ages 0 to 6 and their caregivers. The program runs **Thursday** mornings from March 5 to April 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Centennial Hall, Ross Room, in Spirit River. Children will learn through play and guided activities focused on different areas of development, based on the five domains of an ASQ developmental screen. Registration is available by emailing facilitator@gpfes.com, and drop-ins are welcome.

COMMUNITY CAFE RYCROFT - FRI.

The Rycroft Community Library is hosting Community Café 2026, a series of **Friday** evening gatherings designed to bring residents together through music and conversation. Hosted by Steve and Janet of Burnt Offerings, Community Café offers a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere where community members can enjoy live music, connect with neighbours, and meet new friends. The events will take place on the second and fourth Friday of each month until May 22, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Rycroft Community Library. For more information, contact Steve at **(780) 500-9553**.

DANCE FITNESS - SAT.

Dance Fitness classes are being held at the Woking Multiplex Gymnasium every **Saturday** from 10-11 a.m, from February 7 to March 28, excluding February 14, 2026. This is a combination class offering movement options for various fitness levels, allowing participants to move at their own pace. Drop-in participation is available for \$10 per class, or participants can sign up for seven classes at a rate of \$9 per class. For more information, contact Paula Backer by email at pjkbacker@gmail.com or by text at **(780) 402-1787**.

FAMILY FUN DAY - FEB. 27

The Rycroft Community Library will host a Family Funday on **Friday, February 27, 2026**, from 2-5:30 p.m., with activities for all ages. The afternoon will feature cupcake decorating, hot chocolate, hot dogs, glitter tattoos and face painting. Wagon rides will run from 3-5 p.m., and attendees are invited to follow the music and meet new friends throughout the event. A Community Café will follow from 6 p.m. to approximately 9 p.m. For more information, contact the library at **(780) 765-3973**.

CENTRAL PEACE SOCCER ASSOCIATION AGM - MAR. 5

The Central Peace Soccer Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, March 5, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Spirit River Library. Parents, coaches, referees and community members are invited to attend. The meeting will include board elections, season updates and discussion on volunteering, coaching, refereeing and field improvements. Those interested in supporting local youth soccer, including serving on the board, are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit the association's Facebook page.

2026 REQUEST FOR SEASONAL TRAPPERS

Saddle Hills County is inviting experienced trappers holding a valid Alberta trapper's licence to submit a quote for pest removal services in 2026. Work will be carried out on an as-needed basis, in advance of County staff clearing waterways and culverts. Trappers must provide their own vehicle and all required equipment. Applicants are required to review the full eligibility criteria and service specifications prior to submitting a quote. Complete details are available by scanning the QR code or visiting saddlehills.ab.ca/Seasonal-Trappers. For more information please contact the Agricultural Fieldman at (780) 864-3760.



REGISTER YOUR PRIVATELY-OWNED EQUIPMENT FOR 2026

Saddle Hills County invites contractors who provide heavy equipment and gravel hauling services to register their equipment with the County. Contractors must register annually by completing the Privately Owned Equipment Registration Form. Forms can be completed online at saddlehills.ab.ca/Privately-Owned-Equipment, emailed as a fillable PDF, or submitted in person at the County office. Equipment can be registered at any time throughout the year. However, the construction season typically begins on or around April 1, and contractors are encouraged to submit their registration by **March 15, 2026**. For questions about Privately Owned Equipment registration or other Public Works services, please contact (780) 864-3760 or email publicworks@saddlehills.ab.ca.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION

Council awarded the initial intake of 2026 Program and Activity Grants based on submissions received by January 31, 2026. The grant amounts totalled \$36,250 and were distributed as follows: Blueberry Mountain Goodwill Society - \$5,000, Bonanza School - \$4,000, East West Woking 4-H Club - \$2,500, River Bend Jr. Cattlemen's Club - \$2,000, Rycroft Community Library - \$2,250, Savanna 4-H Multi Club - \$4,000, Savanna Agricultural Society - \$2,500, Savanna School - \$8,000, South Peace Rural Community Learning - \$1,500, Spirit Arts Dance Society - \$2,000, Spirit River Minor Hockey Association - \$1,000, and Woking Willing Workers - \$1,500.



COUNTY CALENDAR: MARCH 2026

Mar. 10, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Mar. 24, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Mar. 26, 6:00 p.m.	ALUS PAC 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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