



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

EASTER PARTY - APR. 4

The Happy Valley Ag & Recreation Club is hosting an Easter Party at the Happy Valley Ag & Recreation Grounds on **Saturday, April 4, 2026**, from 1–4 p.m. Families are invited to come out for an afternoon of Easter fun with something for everyone to enjoy. The event will feature an egg hunt for children ages 0–9 and a scavenger hunt for youth ages 9 and up. Hunts will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m., so participants are encouraged to arrive early to get ready. Attendees can also enjoy a variety of treats, games, and prizes throughout the afternoon.

EASTER PARTY - APR. 7

Families are invited to attend an Easter Party at the Rycroft Community Library on **April 7, 2026** from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event will include story time, a snack, a craft, and plenty of Easter-themed fun for children. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by April 2 to ensure there are enough treats for everyone. For more information or to RSVP, contact the library at (780) 765-3973.

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP - APR. 15

An Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshop will be held on **April 15, 2026**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Saddle Hills County Office Training Room. The Environmental Farm Plan is a free, voluntary program that helps agricultural producers assess environmental risks and identify strengths within their operations. Delivered through a flexible online platform, the program supports the development of practical, site-specific plans to manage and reduce environmental risk. Lunch will be provided, and participants are asked to bring a laptop or device to complete their plan. To register for the workshop visit saddlehills.ab.ca/EFP-2026

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.

GET READY TO CAMP: RESERVATIONS OPEN APRIL 6

Camping season is just around the corner, with reservations opening April 6, 2026 for Hilltop Lake, Cotillion Park, and Spring Lake. Campsites at these locations can be booked through letscamp.ca. Sites at Moonshine Lake can be reserved through the Alberta Parks Reservation System. For more information, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Parks-Recreation.

WE'RE HIRING

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/careers

PERMANENT FULL TIME

- **Equipment Operator II**

SADDLE HILLS COUNTY RURAL POTABLE WATER PROJECT

Through the Rural Potable Water Project, the County is investing in the infrastructure necessary to provide potable water directly to rural properties. Council considers expansions to the program annually, based on the interest expressed by residents. To express interest in the program and sign up to have a Rural Water Hook-up at your property, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, either online or at the County Office. For any questions or help completing your application, please contact Manager of Environmental Services, Darren Lubeck, at (780) 864-3760 or email EnvSvc@saddlehills.ab.ca. More information and an updated map can be viewed at saddlehills.ab.ca/Rural-PotableWater2026

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

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 2026

Apr. 14, 8:30 a.m.	MPC Meeting
Apr. 14, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Apr. 14, 11:00 a.m.	Public Hearing for Road Closure
Apr. 16, 6:00 p.m.	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Apr. 28, 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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