



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

CRAM A CRUISER - DEC. 1 - 19

The Spirit River RCMP is inviting the community to help Cram a Cruiser this holiday season. From December 1 to 19, 2025, residents can drop off non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys at the Spirit River RCMP Detachment. All donations collected will be packed into an RCMP cruiser on **Friday, December 19, 2025**, and delivered to the Rycroft Food Bank to support local families during the holidays.

WOKING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP - DEC. 12

The Woking Community is celebrating the season with its annual Christmas Tree Light Up on **Friday, December 12, 2025**, at the Woking Community Hall. The event runs from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature family-friendly activities throughout the evening. Visitors can enjoy games, a toboggan hill (weather permitting), a bonfire, and a barbeque with burgers and hot dogs. Festive lights, community spirit, and outdoor winter fun will set the tone as the community gathers to welcome the holiday season.

CURLING NIGHT FUN - DEC. 12

Head to the Spirit River Curling Club for a fun night of curling on **December 12, 2025**. Come solo or bring friends, no full team is required, as teams will be organized at the event. After curling, enjoy dinner from A & B Eats, with the bar and kitchen open throughout the evening. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and curling is \$10 per person. To register or learn more, text or call Rebecca Newman at (780) 832-4500 or send a message to the Spirit River Curling Club.

KIDS CHRISTMAS SHOP - DEC. 13

The Rycroft Agricultural Society and Rycroft Farmers' Market invite families to join in the holiday spirit at this year's Kids Christmas Shop, to be held on **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, starting at 11 a.m. Children aged 4–12 can each pick out a free gift for Mom and/or Dad. Come enjoy a festive and heartwarming event designed to celebrate community and the joy of giving.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC. 13

Head down to Westmark Hall on **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, for an evening of festive fun at the Community Christmas Party. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the potluck supper begins at 6:30 p.m. The night will feature kids crafts and a special visit from Santa! Everyone is invited to bring a Christmas ornament to help decorate the community tree. Families wishing to register children for Santa gifts can call Melissa at (780) 830-9755, by December 9, 2025.

HOMEMAKERS SWAP - DEC. 17

The Homemakers Swap is being held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2025**, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Cotillion Hall. The evening will focus on sharing skills, knowledge, and community spirit. Participants are invited to bring 12 items of one kind to exchange. Guests will enjoy snacks, and drinks will be served throughout the evening. The event is hosted by Arietta Acres, home of Jeanette's Creamy Fudge. This is a free event, donations will be accepted but not required.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DEADLINE APPROACHING

Each year during the Christmas season, Saddle Hills County distributes Christmas Hampers. If you reside in Saddle Hills County, you can request a hamper for yourself or nominate another family or individual using the Christmas Hamper Application. Applications are available online, at saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Christmas-Hampers, at the County Office, or by scanning the QR code. Nominations will be accepted until **December 12, 2025**, at 4:30 pm.



SHC WELCOMES NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER

Saddle Hills County is pleased to announce that a Nurse Practitioner has been hired to fill in for Nurse Practitioner Palvi Sharma during her maternity leave. Courtney Sideroff joined the team on November 26, 2025. Further information on the clinic's reopening will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Saddle Hills County Health Clinic soon. To stay up to date with clinic news, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Saddle-Hills-Health-Clinic or follow us on Facebook or Instagram [@saddlehillshealthclinic](https://www.instagram.com/saddlehillshealthclinic).

SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - DEC. 12

Please note, that the Saddle Hills County Admin Building will be closing at 12 p.m. (noon), on **Friday, December 12, 2025**, for a Staff Christmas Event. We will re-open at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025.

SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - DEC. 19 - JAN. 5

Please note, that the Saddle Hills County Admin Building will be closed for the Holiday Season from 4:30 p.m. on **December 19, 2025**, re-opening on **January 5, 2026**. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Notice: If anyone needs to come into the office to purchase their bulk water please do so prior to the office closure.

TREE SEEDLING ORDERS FOR 2026

Do you want to plant trees on your property? The Tree Seedling Program for residents is in its fourth year, and orders are now open! Available species and more information on the program, including pricing, can be found on our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings. Orders will be accepted until **December 12, 2025**, at 4:30 pm.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY UPDATE

At Saddle Hills County, we understand the need for families to be able to access quality and affordable child care. To help combat the cost, the County provides a Child Care Subsidy to eligible residents. The subsidy is paid on a per hour, per child basis, up to a monthly rate, as per the Master Rates Bylaw. Beginning January 1, 2026, the rate will be increasing to \$3.10 p/hour, p/child up to a maximum of \$520 p/month, p/child. For more information, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Child-Care



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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