



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

CHRISTMAS AT THE COUNTY - DEC. 4

Get into the festive spirit and join us for our 3rd Annual Christmas at the County event on **December 4, 2025**, at the Saddle Hills County Admin Building. Doors open at 4 p.m. for games and crafts, photographs with Santa, prizes, food, and more. Fireworks start at 6:30 p.m.



WINTER CARNIVAL - DEC. 5

Get ready for some holiday fun! The Spirit River Kinettes and the Town of Spirit River are hosting a Winter Carnival on **December 5, 2025**, starting at 4 p.m., at the Centennial Hall. Enjoy festive activities like cookie decorating, face painting, ornament making, and Santa pictures, plus a Christmas Tree Light Up and Festival of Trees. There will be games, treats, and fun for all ages, with a coat collection to help those in need this winter.

RYCROFT DOWNTOWN LIGHT UP - DEC. 5

The Rycroft Community Library and the Village of Rycroft Council are teaming up to bring a festive Downtown Light Up celebration to the community on **Friday, December 5**, from 4:30 - 7 p.m. The evening will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, including hot dogs, hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and sleigh rides offered through the library. A bonfire will run from 5 - 7 p.m., and the community tree will be lit at 6 p.m.

HAPPY HOUR SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH - DEC. 6

The Happy Hour Club is hosting a soup and sandwich lunch on **December 6, 2025**, from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., with a bingo to follow! The lunch is provided by donations and all seniors are welcome.

YEAR-END DINNER & DANCE - DEC. 6

The Blueberry Mountain Hall's Year-End Dinner & Dance will be held on **Saturday, December 6, 2025**, at the Blueberry Mountain Hall. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal catered by George & Georgina, lively music, and festive fun, plus a chance to meet Santa! Admission: 10 years & under \$5, 11-17 years \$10, 18 & over \$25. For tickets, contact Kassondra Hickman at (780) 827-8403 or Danielle Konstapel at (780) 864-9370.

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 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.

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.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES GRANTS

Saddle Hills County is accepting applications for the 2026 FCSS Grant Program. Any organization in the County may apply for programming based on the provincial requirements, full details can be found on our website, at saddlehills.ab.ca/FCSS-Grants. The deadline for applications is **November 30, 2025**.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPLICATIONS - NOW OPEN!

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, at local general stores, or by scanning the QR code. Nominations will be accepted until **December 12, 2025**, at 4:30 pm.



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.



COUNTY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2025

Dec 9, 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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