



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

RYCROFT EASTER MARKET - APR. 4

The Rycroft Easter Farmers' Market will take place on **Saturday, April 4**, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Rycroft Ag Centre. Residents and visitors are invited to browse a variety of local products, including fresh produce, homemade breads, pies and baking, cookies and treats, jams and preserves, and handmade goods. The market offers an opportunity to support local vendors while enjoying a festive spring atmosphere and preparing for the Easter season.

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.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY

All Saddle Hills County residents, business owners, and agricultural operators are encouraged to complete the Community Safety Survey. The survey takes approximately five minutes to complete and will remain **open until March 31, 2026**. To complete the survey visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Survey

SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - APR. 3 & 6

Please note that the Saddle Hills County Administration Building will be closed on **Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6, 2026**, for Good Friday and Easter Monday. We look forward to seeing you again at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

DO YOU HAVE A VOLUNTEER STORY TO TELL?

Volunteers make a difference every day in Saddle Hills County, often without recognition. If you know a volunteer whose efforts have had an impact—or if you have a story to share about volunteering—we'd like to hear it. Your story helps recognize the people who give their time and strengthens appreciation for the role volunteers play in our communities. Send your stories to communications@saddlehills.ab.ca. Stories will be posted during Volunteer Week April 19-25.

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

BRUSH PILE BURNING

March 1 marks the beginning of wildfire season. All burning now requires a fire permit. When burning brush piles, remember to follow safe burning practices. Check winter burn sites often. Fires can smoulder underground for weeks or even months and may reignite in warm, dry weather. When revisiting a winter burn site:

- Spread remaining ashes and debris.
- Check the ground for any hot spots for any lingering ground fire.
- Douse the area to fully extinguish the burn and stir ashes with heavy equipment or hand tools.
- Ensure the area is cold to the touch.

For more information visit saddlehills.ab.ca



COUNTY CALENDAR: APRIL 2026

Apr. 14, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
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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