

# **DISCOVER THE** SADDLE HILLS **ADVANTAGE**

#### **SAVING MONEY ON YOUR UTILITIES**

Did you know that you have the power to choose how to buy your energy? The current rising cost of utilities is putting a strain on individuals and businesses in Alberta. Resources, like UCA (Utilities Consumer Advocate) Helps, can offer advice on ways to cut your current rates, including how to switch your energy retailer, whether to opt for regulated rates or competitive contracts, and how to lock in your utility rate, among others. Visit https://ucahelps.alberta.ca/ for more information and resources, or give them a call at (780) 310-4822 to discuss your utilities options.

#### AG MARKET OUTLOOK EVENING - MAR. 8



Saddle Hills County Ag Services Department are hosting an Ag Market Outlook Evening at the Fourth Creek Hall on March 8, 2023 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Neil Blue, the Provincial Crop Market Analyst for Alberta Agriculture, will be present to discuss current crop prices, future market outlook, and key factors to look for in the market in 2023. CanFax will also be present to speak about market updates and Cow-Calf Cost of Production Network results. Registration is free and is required in advance through the County website. ag@saddlehills.ab.ca

#### **RECYCLE - GRAIN BAGS, TWINE & PESTICIDE JUGS**

Bonanza and Blueberry Transfer Stations continue to accept grain bags for recycling. Grain bags must be rolled tightly with a mechanical grain bag roller and secured with twine. Bonanza and Blueberry Transfer Stations have expanded recycling to include plastic twine. Clean plastic twine must be loosely placed in collection bags and placed in the designated area as either transfer site. Bags are available at point of purchase or Bonanza and Blueberry Transfer Stations on days the sites are open. Empty, triple rinsed, punctured, and bagged pesticide jugs with contents less than 23 litres are also accepted at Woking, Blueberry or Bonanza Transfer Stations. Bags are available at point of purchase or at the participating transfer stations. All empty jugs must be bagged prior to acceptance. Visit the County website for more news about this program.



## **COUNTY CALENDAR: MARCH 2023**

March 14, 8:30 a.m. Municipal Planning Commission March 14, 9:00 a.m. Regular Council Meeting March 16, 6:00 p.m. Agricultural Service Board Meeting

March 28, 8:30 a.m. Municipal Planning Commission March 28, 9:00 a.m. Regular Council Meeting

# **WE'RE HIRING**

For full job descriptions and to apply head to the County website.

#### TEMPORARY, SEASONAL

Agricultural Services Seasonal Labourer

#### PERMANENT, FULL-TIME

Nurse Practitioner



#### PRIVATELY OWNED EQUIPMENT LIST

Contractors wishing to provide heavy equipment and gravel hauling services for Saddle Hills County must register with the County annually by completing and submitting a Privately Owned Equipment Registration Form. These forms are available either online or at the front desk at the County Complex. You can register any time, however our construction season usually begins on or around April 1 and we urge contractors to submit their applications by March 15, 2023.

#### **SELF-DIRECTED HOME SUPPORT**

Any Saddle Hills County resident who is a senior (55+) or an individual with a disability may apply for self-directed home support. Services are paid for by the applicant and reimbursed by the County. For more information or to apply please visit our website saddlehills. ab.ca/home-support/ or contact fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca

#### DO YOU RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

Do you live in Saddle Hills County? Then you are entitled to FREE advertising, locally and outside of the community, as well as other business resources, including business features. Your business does not have to be located in the County and can be home-based, online, secondary agricultural or anything else. We would love to hear from you! Please email communications@saddlehills.ab.ca or call (780) 864-3760.

## ONE-TIME TOP-UP TO THE CANADA HOUSING BENEFIT

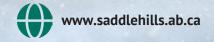
The one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit aims to help low-income renters with the cost of renting. You may be eligible for a tax-free one-time payment of \$500 if your income and the amount that you pay on rent qualify. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) administers this one-time payment. To apply for this new federal onetime payment, you do not need to receive other housing benefits such as the Canada Housing Benefit, which is co-funded and delivered by the provinces and territories. Applications are open until **Friday**, March 31, 2023.

### PEACE OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to contact our Peace Officer with a Bylaw infraction or concern please use the dedicated complaints line: (780) 506-0109 Please note if it is an emergency or criminal offence call 911 or contact the RCMP.

# THE WILDERNESS IS OUR BACKYARD

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