



# THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

## Upcoming Events

### FITNESS 4 LIFE - TUES. & THURS.

Help your children develop healthier habits with the after school Fitness 4 Life program. Fitness 4 Life is a free, games-based physical activity program that helps kids to improve self-confidence and body image, teaches them how to work together as a team, enforces the importance of winning and losing, and expands their movement vocabulary to help develop athleticism.

Sessions will take place on the following weekdays:

- **Tuesday: Rycroft School | 3:40-4:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday: Centennial Hall, Spirit River | 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.**

To register your children, email [info@j4performance.net](mailto:info@j4performance.net).

### BONANZA CHRISTMAS MARKET - OCT. 18

Start your Christmas shopping early, at the Bonanza Christmas Market, on **October 18, 2025**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Bonanza Community Hall. Hosted by the Bonanza and District Agricultural Society and the Bay Tree Market on 49, browse wares from local vendors and artisans in lots of time for the holiday season. For more information, contact Kate Turner at (780) 500-7344.

### FARM THE GROUND UP - SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP - OCT. 22

Saddle Hills County and the Savanna Ag Society are hosting Farm The Ground Up, a Soil Health Workshop, at the Savanna Rec. Plex, on **October 22, 2025**, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., with Kris Nichols, Ph.D. from the Food Water Wellness Foundation. Participants will learn about soil biology and microbial activity, create a farm plan to regenerate soil, and examine a soil pit. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided! You can register at [saddlehills.ab.ca/Soil-Health](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/Soil-Health)

### AG DRONE SCHOOL - OCT. 27-28

Join Saddle Hills County for Ag Drone School, a two day hands-on workshop, hosted by LandView Drones! The course will be held at the Fourth Creek Hall, on **October 27 and 28, 2025**, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. In Ag Drone School you will learn about safe flight, real farm use-cases, mapping basics and as well as receiving a Basic Certificate from Transport Canada. The cost to attend Ag Drone School is \$590. For the full itinerary and to register, visit [landviewdrones.com/event-details/ag-drone-school-saddle-hills-ab](https://landviewdrones.com/event-details/ag-drone-school-saddle-hills-ab) or call (780) 448-7445.

### 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW - NOV. 7-8

The Spirit River & District Agricultural Society is proud to host its 49th Annual Christmas Craft Show, on **Friday, November 7, 2025** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Spirit River Centennial Hall. Celebrate the season and get a head start on your holiday shopping with a wide variety of handmade crafts, unique gifts, festive décor, and delicious treats from local vendors. Whether you're looking for something special or just want to enjoy the holiday spirit, this community event has something for everyone. Head down and support local artisans while enjoying the warmth and magic of the season!

## WE'RE HIRING

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit [saddlehills.ab.ca/careers](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/careers).

TEMPORARY MATERNITY COVERAGE (12-18 months)

- **Nurse Practitioner**

PERMANENT FULL TIME

- **Administrative Services I**

### SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - OCT. 13

Please note that the Saddle Hills County Admin. Building will be closed for regular services, on **Monday, October 13, 2025**, for Thanksgiving; however, it will be open for the Advance Vote. Regular hours will resume at 8:15 a.m., on Tuesday, October 14.

### 2026 GRANTS - APPLY NOW!

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for 2026 Capital, Operating, Community Signs, Cemetery Maintenance and Cemetery Capital Grants. Any community group or organization wishing to apply, should complete the relevant application on the County's website at [saddlehills.ab.ca/grants](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/grants). The deadline for applications is **October 15, 2025**.

### FCSS GRANTS - NOW OPEN!

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2026 FCSS Grant Program. Any organization in the County may apply for programming based on the provincial requirements, full details of which can be found on our website, at [saddlehills.ab.ca/FCSS-Grants](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/FCSS-Grants)

### SADDLE HILLS COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC CLOSURE

Nurse Practitioner, Palvi Sharma, will soon be commencing maternity leave. While recruitment efforts remain ongoing, no cover has currently been attained, and the Saddle Hills County Health Clinic will be temporarily closed, beginning **October 1, 2025**, for a period of up to 18 months. For more information, visit [saddlehills.ab.ca/Clinic-Closure](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/Clinic-Closure)



## COUNTY CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2025

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| Oct. 14, 9:00 a.m.  | Regular Council Meeting            |
| Oct. 16, 6:00 p.m.  | Agricultural Service Board Meeting |
| Oct. 28, 9:00 a.m.  | Organizational Meeting             |
| Oct. 28, 11:00 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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Monday to Friday 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM



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