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Saddle Hills COUNTY

Upcoming Events

AGRICULTURAL SUCCESSION WORKSHOP

Thinking about the future of your family farm? Join the Agricultural Succession Workshop on **November 25**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Westmark Hall. Learn about legal, financial, tax, and transition planning from industry experts. Free lunch provided. Everyone welcome.
To register contact Ag Services **(780) 864-3760.**

CHRISTMAS AT THE COUNTY

Christmas at the County returns on **Thursday, December 3, 2026**, from 4 to 7 p.m. Families are invited to celebrate the season with an evening of festive activities at the County Administration Building. Enjoy photos with Santa, games and colouring activities, light refreshments, and plenty of holiday cheer. The evening will wrap up with a spectacular fireworks display, bringing the community together to celebrate the season and continue a favourite Saddle Hills County holiday tradition. Mark the calendar and join us for Christmas at the County!

PREPARE DUGOUTS FOR WINTER BEFORE FREEZE-UP

Saddle Hills County reminds livestock producers to prepare dugouts before freeze-up. Check aeration systems, clean water intakes, inspect banks, and ensure intake lines are below the expected ice level. Restricting livestock access and using off-site watering systems can help protect water quality. Be aware that aeration systems may create thin ice, and regular water testing is recommended.
For more information, call 310-FARM (3276) or visit Alberta's farm water resources website.

NEW RECYCLING OPTION AT COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS

Saddle Hills County residents can now recycle empty windshield washer fluid, empty DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid), and empty antifreeze containers at the **Bonanza, Blueberry, and Woking** Transfer Stations. For more information about accepted materials and recycling programs, please visit albertarecycling.ca.

MEDICAL ALERT DEVICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Saddle Hills County is introducing a Medical Alert Device Subsidy Program to help senior residents stay safe and independent.
The program provides eligible residents with a subsidy of up to $400 annually to help offset the cost of a medical alert device and associated subscription fees. Learn more about the program at **saddlehills.ab.ca/News**

SADDLE HILLS HAMPER PROGRAM

If you reside in Saddle Hills County, you can request a hamper personally or refer another Saddle Hills County family or individual to receive one using our Christmas Hamper Application. The deadline to apply is **December 14, 2026** at 4:30 p.m. Recipients will be contacted by staff to arrange delivery on December 21-22, 2026. This program is funded by many generous donors. We thank them for their continued support! The application can be found at **saddlehills.ab.ca**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM SEEKING DONATIONS

Every year during the Christmas season, Saddle Hills County accepts donations of food or cash for families in need.
Though all donations will be appreciated and accepted, some food items that are needed this year are:

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Dream Whip
- Pie Filling
- Pie Crusts
- Boxed Stuffing
- Biscuit Mix
- Canned Vegetables

Frozen turkeys and hams are also needed, but will be accepted closer to the deadline on **December 14, 2026**, due to storage reasons.
Food and cash donations will be accepted beginning on **November 12, 2026.** Please visit the County Office or call **(780) 864-3760** during regular business hours to make a donation.

TREE SEEDLING ORDERS FOR 2027

The Tree Seedling Program for residents is in it's fifth 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.**

RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY SNOWPLOWING

Saddle Hills County residents who would like their residential driveway snowplowed this season are reminded to complete a Residential Driveway Snowplowing Agreement. Agreements must be renewed each year. Learn more about the program, visit **saddlehills.ab.ca/home-properties-utilities/roads/snowplowing.**

FCSS GRANTS - NOW OPEN!

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2027 FCSS Grant Program. Any organization in the County may apply for programming based on the provincial requirements. If you would like to inquire whether your program would be eligible, please call us at **(780) 864-3760** or email **fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca.**

COUNTY CALENDAR: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026

Nov. 19, 9:00 a.m.	Operating Budget Council Meeting
Nov. 19, 6:00 p.m.	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Nov. 23, 9:00 a.m.	Capital Budget Council Meeting
Nov. 24, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Dec. 8, 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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