



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

SENIORS WEEK EVENT - JUNE 1

Celebrating Senior's Week on **June 1**, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Woking Multiplex. This special day is for residents of Saddle Hills, Birch Hills, Rycroft, Spirit River, and MD #133. Enjoy a guest appearance by entertainer Brenda Robinson, plus complimentary lunch, games, live entertainment, haircuts, massages, portraits, and more. For more information please call **(780) 864-1801 or (780) 864-0545**

SPRING PAINT NIGHT- JUNE 10

Come out for a fun and creative evening on **June 10** at 6 p.m. at Blueberry Mountain Hall! Choose from a variety of spring-themed projects including planters, seasonal signs, and more. This event is perfect for all skill levels. Pre-registration is required by **May 15**. To register, or for more information contact Stacey at **(780) 864-1213**.

SPRING BUST OUT RIDE AND POKER RALLY - JUNE 13

Get ready to ride and play your hand! Spring Bust Out Ride & Poker Rally is happening **June 13**, at Happy Valley Ag & Recreation Club. Register at 9 a.m., riders leave at 11 a.m., and enjoy supper after the action. **\$20/Hand**.

3RD ANNUAL AGRICULTHER SCHOOL - JUNE 27

Saddle Hills County is excited for our turn to host the 3rd Annual AgricultHER School on **June 27** from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Burnt River Ranch and Westmark Hall in Woking. In partnership with Cows & Fish, Peace Country Beef & Forage Association, the Counties of Grande Prairie and Big Lakes, and the MDs of Greenview and Fairview, this event is dedicated to supporting and connecting female producers across the Peace Country. For more details and ticket information visit **events.saddlehills.ab.ca**

SPIRIT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL REUNION JULY 3-5

Calling all Spirit River High School Classmates between 1971-1981. A High School Reunion is being held **July 3-5**. All are welcome to enjoy music, games and great memories. This is a family event with free camping available or book nearby accommodations. For more information email: **2026spiritreunion@gmail.com**

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

Saddle Hills County was honoured to receive a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing its outstanding contributions to education within the Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools community. Presented through the Alberta School Boards Association Friends of Education Award program, the recognition celebrates community partners, organizations, and individuals who make a meaningful impact on public education. Saddle Hills County was acknowledged for its ongoing collaboration, financial support, advocacy, and leadership in helping to enhance learning environments and create opportunities for students across the region. Council appreciates the recognition and remains committed to supporting education, youth, and strong rural communities.

COMBINED ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

Saddle Hills County Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed on **May 13, 2026**. Taxes must be paid on or before **July 31**. Taxes can be paid through most financial institutions, by online banking, by mail, or in person at the County Complex. For online banking payments, use your property roll number as the account number. All 2026 Saddle Hills County Combined Assessment and Tax Notices are deemed received 7 days after the mailing date. The notice of assessment date is **May 21, 2026**.

WEED INSPECTORS BEGIN WORK

Saddle Hills County Weed Inspectors have begun annual field inspections to help ensure healthy crops and control the spread of pests. Inspectors monitor for noxious and prohibited weeds under the Weed Control Act, along with nuisance and pest species listed under the Agricultural Pests Act. County staff may be seen parked at field approaches but will not drive onto private land and follow strict biosecurity protocols to prevent disease spread. For more information about weed inspections or Ag Services programs, email **ag@saddlehills.ab.ca** or call **(780) 864-3760**.

VETERINARY EDUCATION BURSARIES

Saddle Hills County is proud to offer a Veterinary Education Bursary to eligible students enrolled in a recognized post-secondary veterinary medicine or veterinary technologist program. Applications are open until **July 15**. For more information or to apply, visit **saddlehills.ab.ca/Grants**.

VETERINARY INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Are you a veterinarian or veterinary technologist providing services to Saddle Hills County producers? Saddle Hills County's Agricultural Services Board offers a Veterinary Innovation Grant Program to improve access to veterinary care for County residents. Deadline to apply is **July 31**. For more information and to apply, please visit our website at **saddlehills.ab.ca/Vet-Innovation**

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY GRANTS & STUDENT BURSARIES

Saddle Hills County is now accepting applications for the 2026 Program & Activity Grants and Student Bursary Program. Community groups, clubs, organizations, and schools are encouraged to apply for Program & Activity Grants. The application deadline is **May 31**. Students are also invited to apply for the 2026 Student Bursary Program. The application deadline is **June 1**. For full details and application forms, visit Saddle Hills County Grants Page or call **780-864-3760**.



COUNTY CALENDAR: MAY & JUNE 2026

May 26, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
June 9, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
June 23, 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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