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Spirit of the Central Peace

The **Spirit** *of* **Our Soil:** *Covering* **News** *&* **Events** *across the* **G5**

Celebrating 50 Years of the Spirit River Christmas Craft Show

For 50 years, the Spirit River Christmas Craft Show has been a highlight of the holiday season, bringing together neighbours, friends, families, artisans, crafters, and vendors from across the Peace Country. What began as a community event has grown into a cherished tradition that generations have enjoyed and look forward to each year.

The Spirit River & District Agricultural Society has proudly coordinated and hosted this event throughout its history. Over the years, countless event directors, committee members, volunteers, and supporters have dedicated their time, energy, and creativity to making each show a success. From planning and setup to welcoming guests and supporting vendors, their contributions have created an event known not only for shopping and craftsmanship but also for fun, laughter, friendship, and community spirit.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we extend our sincere appreciation to the many vendors and artisans who have travelled from near and far to participate in the show over the decades. Your talent, hard work, and commitment have made the Christmas Craft Show a destination event and have helped create lasting memories for thousands of visitors.

We also thank the residents of Spirit River and the surrounding communities whose continued support has made this milestone possible. Whether you attended, volunteered, exhibited, sponsored, or simply shared in the experience, you have helped shape a tradition that has strengthened community connections for half a century.

As we celebrate 50 years, we honour the volunteers and event directors who built this tradition, the vendors who helped it grow, and the communities that continue to make it special.



Leaders of Tomorrow at Saddle Hills County

Saddle Hills County welcomed Grade 5 and 6 students from area schools to the County Administration Building on September 24th for the annual Leaders of Tomorrow event.

Students from Savanna, Bonanza, Rycroft, Spirit River Regional Academy, and Ste. Marie Catholic School had the opportunity to learn more about municipal government, County services, and the people who help keep local communities running.

Throughout the day, students met with County staff, learned about different departments, and gained a better understanding of how local government works and the services provided to residents.

The event provides students with a hands-on introduction to municipal government while encouraging them to learn more about leadership, community involvement, and the many roles that contribute to their communities.



INSIDE *the* TOWN

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McClean Recreation Centre (Arena) Bookings: 780-864-6124

Upcoming Council Meetings

November 16, 2026 | December 7, 2026





Recycling Reminder

Recycling pick-up days, in Spirit River, are the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month.

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Central Peace Family and Community Support Services

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SERVING THE MD #133, SPIRIT RIVER, RYCROFT, & WESTERN BIRCH HILLS COUNTY

On occasion, FCSS staff may be out of the office. If you require in-person assistance, please call ahead to ensure that someone will be available to help!

Christmas Programs

Christmas is just around the corner!! Central Peace FCSS is coordinating a number of Christmas programs and is looking for some help. FCSS is looking for volunteers, monetary donations, and sponsors for Secret Santas. If you would like to help, please call or email the FCSS office.

Christmas Hamper Applications

The Christmas hamper applications will be available starting November 1st at the Town of Spirit River, Village of Rycroft, Birch Hills County, MD of Spirit River#133, Rycoft Library, Spirit River Library, and the FCSS office. **Application Deadline is December 16th**.

Secret Santa for Seniors and Children

The Secret Santa Program is coordinated by FCSS and pairs wish lists with sponsors who shop, wrap, and return gifts that are distributed to applicants. Secret Santa Wish Lists are now available and **must be returned by December 1st**.

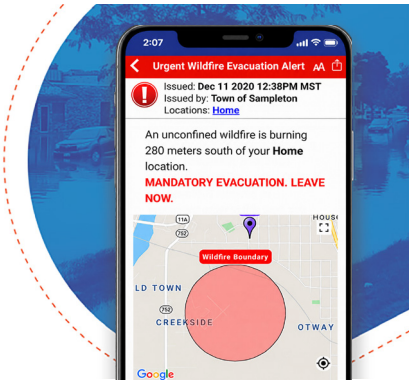
Red Silhouette Program

November is Domestic Violence month and to raise awareness FCSS is placing red silhouttes in the community with a survivor story and resources on them. If you or someone you know needs help, please access the resources provided.

Office Closure

Please note that the FCSS office will be **closed November 25th, 26th, and 27th**, as staff will be attending a conference.







VILLAGE OF RYCROFT HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming Council Meetings

Tues., Nov. 17th, Wed., Dec. 2nd, & Tuesday, Dec. 15th

Everyone welcome. Meetings start at 6:30pm. Village Office Council Chambers, 4703-51 St.

Survey Date for Potential Day Care in Rycroft Extended

The Village of Rycroft is conducting a study to determine the demand for a potential Daycare facility to be located within the village boundaries.

Currently, the village is considering location options, including co-locating within the Rycroft School.

Your feedback is appreciated, as it will assist the village in determining demand for this service, which can contribute to a growing community.

New survey deadline ~ November 30, 2026

*Scan the **QR Code** to access the survey.*

Have your say and help shape what comes next for Rycroft!

Central Peace Attraction and Retention Committee is seeking a Member at Large

The Central Peace Attraction & Retention Committee (CPARC) was formed from Municipalities of the G5 (Birch Hills County, MD of Spirit River, Rycroft, Town of Spirit River, and Saddle Hills County) with the purpose of building a sustainable system for health care professional attraction and retention with local health professionals that will ensure ongoing health care services to our communities. CPARC meetings are held quarterly, in Spirit River, with some volunteering in between.

If you are a resident of the G5 with a passion for local healthcare and its workers, becoming a Member at Large may be a position for you. **If you are interested, please submit a letter by November 27, 2026 to CPARC, c/o Town of Spirit River, Box 130, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0 or to tvinck@townofspiritriver.ca**.

Planning Ditching Work in Saddle Hills County? *A Permit is Required*

Saddle Hills County reminds landowners that a permit is required before completing any ditching work within a County right-of-way or undeveloped surveyed road allowance.

This includes work intended to improve drainage, redirect water, or maintain existing ditches. Permits help ensure work does not damage County infrastructure, create drainage issues, or negatively impact neighbouring properties.

For permit information or assistance, contact Saddle Hills County Operations at (780)864-3760.

MOUNTIE MINUTE

Winter is slowly creeping up on us and the Spirit River RCMP wants to remind drivers to prepare for the impending nasty road conditions and adjust their travel plans accordingly.

Snow-covered roads, reduced visibility, and icy conditions can quickly create hazardous driving environments, particularly on highways and rural roads. Monitor weather and road reports; ensure your vehicles are winter-ready and allow extra time to reach their destinations safely.

A change in weather conditions can affect driving performance, stopping distances, and visibility. Taking precautions before heading out can help reduce the risk of collisions and keep Alberta's roads safer for everyone.

I recommend the following winter driving tips:

- Check weather forecasts and road conditions before travelling.
- Consider postponing non-essential travel if conditions are expected to deteriorate.
- Ensure your vehicle is equipped for winter, including appropriate tires, functioning lights, and a full fuel tank.
- How's that block heater cord?
- Remove all snow and ice from windows, mirrors, headlights, and taillights before driving. Warm up the engine enough so that you can defrost the windows.
- Slow down and increase your following distance to allow for longer stopping times.
- Carry a winter emergency kit with blankets, extra clothing, water, snacks, a flashlight, booster cables, and a cellphone charger.
- Make sure your cellphone is charged before leaving and let someone know your travel plans if travelling longer distances.
- If you become stranded, remain with your vehicle and call for assistance when it is safe to do so.

You might remember this last April when there was a sudden spring storm that left hundreds of drivers stranded in their vehicles on Highway 63. Though this was not in our area, it very well could have been. There were travel advisories that encouraged drivers not to travel that section of the road. Some sections of the road saw over 60 cm of snow fall. Many of these vehicles were stuck for well over a day. Keep that in mind for longer trips further from home. Even though, in that case, it was not extremely cold, it was still too cold for comfort and you'd need to run the engine to keep it warm inside. Do you have enough food, water, or fuel in your vehicle? If you had to wait in your vehicle for help, do you have enough warm clothes? Consider this as well: your vehicle might be quite capable to handle whatever the weather may be, but your senior neighbour's might not. Help them out and offer to pick them up groceries or take them to an appointment.

Drive safe!

Corporal Don McCullough
RCMP Spirit River Detachment

Life Tribute

Mary Marion Lewchuk

March 16, 1937 – October 10, 2026



We are saddened to announce that Mary Lewchuk, resident of Spirit River, AB, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Pleasant View Lodge in Spirit River at the age of 89 years.

Mary was born on March 16, 1937, on the Lewchuk family farm, the eighth of ten children. She attended the White Mountain one-room schoolhouse with her siblings. Mary lived and worked on the farm, exploring the river valley and tending to her animals, as well as her garden. Throughout her entire life, she was very involved in the Spirit River community.

Mary was affectionately eccentric, sassy, stubborn, loving, and sweet. She particularly enjoyed storytelling, music, and chatting. In her spare time, she could be found thrift shopping, creating braided rugs and baskets, foraging, walking in nature, or making cabbage rolls.

Mary will be deeply missed by her many nephews, nieces, and extended family.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at the Pleasant View Lodge and Spirit River Hospital for their years of caring for Mary.

A funeral service will be held in the late spring of 2027.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oliversfuneralhome.com. OLIVER'S Funeral Home

Fall is Here: *It's Time to Put the Weeds to Bed*

As harvest wraps up and temperatures begin to drop, fall is a good time for rural landowners to take a closer look at their property and tackle weeds before winter hits.

A little work now can help reduce weed pressure next spring, prevent unwanted plants from spreading, and protect agricultural land, pastures, and natural areas.

Stop the Spread

If weeds have gone to seed, take care when removing or handling them. Moving mature plants can spread seeds to new areas.

Clean soil, seeds, and plant material from equipment, vehicles, and machinery before moving between fields or properties. Pay particular attention to tires, undercarriages, and equipment that has been working in weedy areas.

Take a Fall Walk

Before the snow arrives, walk your property and check areas where weeds often become established, including field edges, fence lines, approaches, ditches, corrals, dugouts, equipment storage areas, and other disturbed ground.

Look for plants that may have been missed earlier in the season and make note of problem areas to monitor next year.

Community Events

SPIRIT RIVER & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY

50TH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

Friday, November 6th *from* 4:00PM – 8:00PM
Saturday, November 7th *from* 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Taking place in the Centennial Hall, at 4812 48th Avenue, in the Town of Spirit River.

HAPPY HOUR CLUB

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

Saturday, November 7th *from* 11:30AM – 12:30PM *followed by* Bingo @ 1:00PM

BAKE & CRAFT SALE

Friday, November 20th *from* 11:00AM – 3:00PM

Located at 5013 47th Avenue, in the Town of Spirit River.

RYCROFT MERRY PIONEERS

FOOT CARE

Tuesday, November 10th *from* 1:00PM - 4:00PM

CLOSED

Wednesday, November 11th *for* Remembrance Day

POTLUCK SUPPER

Tuesday, November 24th @ 5:00PM

OLD TIME MUSIC & DANCE

Saturday, November 28th *from* 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Located within the Rycroft Community Hall, at 5208 47th Avenue, in the Village of Rycroft.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #72

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, November 11th *from* 10:45AM – 12:00PM

Taking place in the Centennial Hall.

CENTRAL PEACE FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (CPFCSS)

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Thursday, November 12th *from* 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Taking place in the Centennial Hall.

WOKING WILLING WORKERS

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 14th *from* 12:00PM – 5:00PM

Text Denise @ (780) 832-8583 to reserve your seat.

WOKING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP

Sunday, November 29th *from* 2:30PM – 6:30PM

Wagon rides, kids' games, tree lighting in the park.

Both events taking place at the Woking Community Hall, at 5104 50th Street, in the Hamlet of Woking.

CENTRAL PEACE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC.

NORTHERN LIGHTS NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Thursday, December 31st *from* 5:00PM – 1:00AM

**** Fundraiser for new Fire Hall ****

Go to the CP Fire & Rescue Facebook page for details.

Deal with Problem Weeds

Some weeds can still be effectively managed in the fall. Depending on the species and growing conditions. Options may include hand pulling, mowing, cultivation, or an appropriate herbicide treatment.

Correct identification is important before choosing a control method. What works for one weed may not be effective for another.

Keep Good Ground Cover

Bare and disturbed soil provides an opportunity for weeds to establish. Maintaining healthy pasture, grass, or other desirable vegetation can help reduce available space for weeds to take hold.

Fall is also a good time to identify areas that may need reseeding, rehabilitation, or improved management next season.

Not sure what's growing on your property? Your Agricultural Services can help with weed identification, management options, and information about regulated weeds in your area.

A message from your Ag Department

Saddle Hills County | Birch Hills County | MD 133 Spirit River

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4601 – 50th Street, Wanham
www.birchhillscounty.com
Office Hours: 8:15-12:00 & 12:30-4:00

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **November 10th – Reg Council Meeting**
- **November 24th – Reg Council Meeting**

NOTICE OF DECISION

Take notice that the following Development Permit for the proposed use listed has been approved by the Development Officer for Birch Hills County under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. 2025-09 and amendments thereto:

Permit Number: DP-19-19-26
Legal Description:
Plan:2421694;2;8A
Proposed Development:
Accessory Building – Tent Structure
Date of Decision: October 21st 2026

Any person affected by this decision may appeal to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Box 157 Wanham Alberta T0H 3P0. Such an appeal shall be in writing and must be received no later than November 18th 2026

An appeal deposit of $500.00 is required for each appeal. The deposit will be partially refunded if the appeal is successful. Information regarding this application may be obtained from Bailey Smith, Development Officer for Birch Hills County.

FEED TESTING PROGRAM

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FEEDING THIS WINTER!

We believe knowing what you're feeding is vital to a successful livestock operation. Utilize our Feed Testing Program to ensure peace of mind this winter and increase your chances of a healthy, happy herd!

Members receive TWO free feed tests per year. Additional tests, and tests for non-members, are billed at lab cost.



PCBFA
PEACE COUNTRY BEEF & FORAGE ASSOCIATION
APPLIED RESEARCH

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NOTICE OF DECISION

Take notice that the following Development Permit for the proposed use listed has been approved by the Development Officer for Birch Hills County under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. 2025-09 and amendments thereto:

Permit Number: DP-18-19-26
Legal Description: Plan:0624163;1;1
Proposed Development: Mini Home – Secondary Dwelling
Date of Decision: October 16th 2026

Any person affected by this decision may appeal to the Clerk of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Box 157 Wanham Alberta T0H 3P0. Such an appeal shall be in writing and must be received no later than November 12th 2026

An appeal deposit of $500.00 is required for each appeal. The deposit will be partially refunded if the appeal is successful. Information regarding this application may be obtained from Bailey Smith, Development Officer for Birch Hills County.

CONTACTS
FIRE CHIEF MARK WURZ – (780)864-8664
EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS:
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – (780)864-0367
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE JENIFER LIZOTTE – (780)864-7567
UTILITY OPERATIONS (ON-CALL EMERGENCY) – (780)864-7480

LANDFILL & TRANSFER SITE HOURS
WANHAM: MONDAY & THURSDAY 2:00PM-8:00PM
TANGENT: TUESDAY & FRIDAY 2:00PM-8:00PM
EAGLESHAM HALL RENTAL:
CONTACT TAMARA AT COUNTY OFFICE
@ payables@birchhillscounty.com



A Heartfelt Thank You for Investing in Our Community's Future

The Spirit River Regional Daycare Society and MD of Spirit River Council & staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the Spirit River & District Agricultural Society (SRADAS) for their generous donation of **$125,000** in support of an important community initiative – the construction of a new daycare facility aimed at helping address the ongoing childcare shortage in our region.

Access to quality, reliable childcare is essential to the well-being of our families, the growth of our communities, and the future of our region. This project represents an important step toward creating more opportunities for local families and helping ensure that parents have the support they need to live and work in the Central Peace.

We are continually humbled by the generosity, compassion, and community spirit demonstrated by our local organizations. Your willingness to invest in a project that will make a lasting difference in the lives of families and children is truly appreciated. Please know that initiatives of this importance would not be possible without the commitment and support of organizations like yours, along with the many other individuals, businesses, and community partners who believe in building a stronger future together.

Thank you for standing behind this important cause and for helping turn a community need into a shared vision for a brighter future. Your contribution is more than a donation – it is an investment in our children, our families, and the future of the Central Peace.



From left to right: Tony van Rootselaar, Reeve MD of Spirit River, Nick Konstapel, Vice President SRADAS, Justine Sawers, Treasurer SRADAS, Leah Alfred, Director SRADAS, MaryEllen Norton, President Spirit River Regional Daycare Society, Monty Bremont, Director SRRDS, Jordan Stephenson, Vice President SRRDS, Tyler Norton, Director SRRDS

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS
November 12th & 25th at 9:00am

Held in Council Chambers in the MD Office. Council meetings are open to the public and streamed live.

Anyone wishing to review our Council Meeting minutes can visit the MD of Spirit River No. 133 website under **Council and Council Meeting Minutes.**

Saddle Hills County Peace Officer - September Report

Peace Officer Wayne Olson worked 178.5 hours over 21 days in September, including 97 hours of County patrols, 53 hours of training and administration, six hours monitoring school zones, 12 hours on events and investigations, and 10.5 hours for breaks and community interactions.

Olson conducted 13 traffic stops: 12 for speeding and one for a stop-sign violation. **Speeding vehicles averaged 28 km/hr over the posted limit, with speeds ranging from 19 to 46 km/hr over**. Four drivers lacked valid proof of registration and three lacked valid proof of insurance. One provincial ticket was issued, with warnings issued in the remaining cases.

Olson also handled two criminal investigations, with one ongoing. Community outreach included the County's Leaders of Tomorrow event and a visit to Northern Lights School, where he spoke with students about his role and responsibilities as a Peace Officer.



TOGETHER IN HEALING



Life can feel overwhelming. Whether you're navigating grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, or a difficult life transition, compassionate support is available.

Individual - Marriage
Family - Group

Educational support and Crisis debriefing

By appointment only

Kimberly Talmey, MPCC RPC CT

4410 50 Street, Suite 146, Spirit River
Appointments available Tuesdays and Thursdays
10016 102 Avenue, Grande Prairie
Appointments available Wednesdays and Fridays

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CHIEF'S BRIEFS

Wow, October already, thanksgiving just around the corner as this was being written?

Since my last briefing to you we have had 8 Medical First Responder calls, 2 Motor Vehicle Collisions, 1 Fire, and 2 alarm calls. This brings our total emergency calls this year to145 at the time this was written.

Our new recruits are starting class on November the 4th in the Rycroft Fire Hall. We still have room for more if you're interested in serving the community as a valued member of our department.

Fall is a time when we clean up our lands and yards, and prepare for the arrival of winter. Harvest is just about complete or already finished and farmers will be cleaning up brush piles cut over the summer. This is a great time to investigate the Fire Smart program available at www.firesmartalberta.ca with programs and resources to be able to make your property as fire smart as possible. We would be happy to come out and help you with an assessment if you want – just get a hold of myself and I will help you out.

There is a free **Canadian Red Cross first aid and CPR course level C** available to residents of the MD of Spirit River, Town of Spirit River, and Village of Rycroft, on **November 16th and 17th**. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the South Peace Firefighters Society, and we are very thankful for their contribution.

The Central Peace Firefighters Association will be hosting a New Years Eve Gala at the Rycroft Ag Center this year to raise funds for the new Fire Hall, it will be a great time, and tickets will be available soon from our current members. Sponsor sheets are available from any member of CPFR.

We are now concentrating training on our recruitment with fire department members actively involved in the program. Other training taking place at this time of year are our annual skill competencies to maintain the highest level of service for you that we can.

I once again want to stress the importance of pulling over and stopping in either direction as emergency vehicles are responding to an incident. The lights and sirens are on for a reason and more than likely are going to be attending a life-or-death emergency. We understand that it's a little inconvenient, but then again, you can carry on with your day; perhaps the person we're trying to get to won't have another day. It's all about perspective, and which end of it you are on.

Another point, when a traffic control system is set up, remember the it's there for a reason; to PROTECT those who are working either an emergency, traffic stop, or a construction zone. The speed limit by law is 60 km/hr. The province with the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee, on which I am a member, are working hard to provide public education, direction, and resources for highway safety. This is one of the big projects the fire service, police services, EMS, and road construction services are working toward. If you are a roadside worker, there is a website that you can add near misses on. We are looking for more data to make all our jobs better. To report, scan the QR Code..

Thankyou,
Brian Kroes
Central Peace Fire & Rescue Commission

Council Happenings

Community Organizations Receive 2026 Program & Activity Grants

Council approved the distribution of $27,700 in Program & Activity Grant funding from applications received by the September 30, 2026, deadline.
The County's Program & Activity Grant program provides financial assistance to local organizations that offer recreational, educational, cultural, and community-based programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for residents across Saddle Hills County.

Funding was approved for the following organizations:
- Friends of Rycroft School Society - $10,000
- Gordondale Community Club - $950
- Rycroft Community Library - $750
- Ste. Marie Catholic School - $2,500
- Westmark Farmer's League - $3,500
- Woking Multiplex Association - $5,000
- Woking Willing Workers - $5,000

2027 Northern Alberta Tourism Summit

Council approved a $1,000 sponsorship for the 2027 Northern Alberta Tourism Summit during its October 13, 2026 meeting. The contribution will fund a Morning Coffee Break at the event, taking place April 12-14, 2027, at the Chateau Nova in Peace River, and will be funded through Council's Hospitality and Sponsorship budget.

Peace Country Beef Congress Sponsorship

Council approved a $2,500 sponsorship for the Junior Show Team Judging Championship at the 2027 Peace Country Beef Congress, taking place January 8 and 9, 2027, at Evergreen Park in Grande Prairie. Funding will come from Council's Hospitality and Sponsorship budget.

COUNTY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 10 |9 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Nov. 10 | 9 a.m.	Grant Program Budget Council Meeting
Nov. 17 | 9 a.m.	Operating Budget Council Meeting
Nov. 23 | 9 a.m.	Capital Budget Council Meeting
Nov. 24 | 9 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting

Scheduled Office Closure

The Saddle Hills County Administration Building will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026**, for Remembrance Day, and will re-open on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.

Scheduled Transfer Station Closure

Please note that all Transfer Stations will be closed for Remembrance Day on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026.**

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**

Tree Seedling Orders for 2027

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

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.**

FCSS Grants - Now Open!

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

2026 IT EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Saddle Hills County is accepting sealed bids on used IT equipment. View the catalogue and bid sheet at saddlehills.ab.ca/News or at the County office. Deadline: **November 6, 2026,** at 2 p.m. GST applies. Successful bidders must pay for and pick up items by November 20,2026.

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