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# THE SADDLE HILLS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVANTAGE

## Christmas Hampers

HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY DONATING TOWARDS THE SADDLE HILLS COUNTY CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE SADDLE HILLS COUNTY OFFICE, SAVANNA SCHOOL, BONANZA SCHOOL, BAY TREE STORE, BLUEBERRY GENERAL STORE, AND WOKING GENERAL STORE.

**REQUIRED FOOD ITEMS:** BOXED MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY MIX, CRANBERRY SAUCE, DREAM WHIP, PIE FILLING, PIE CRUSTS, BOXED STUFFING, BISCUIT MIX AND CANNED VEGETABLES.

TO NOMINATE YOURSELF, OR SOMEONE ELSE, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE HEAD TO THE COUNTY WEBSITE, CALL US, OR VISIT US AT THE COUNTY OFFICE.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS & NOMINATIONS UNTIL  
**DECEMBER 15, 2022**



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### WHY CHOOSE SADDLE HILLS COUNTY?

Saddle Hills County is a large, rural municipality, roughly **5,837** sq. km. For scale, Prince Edward Island is 5,660 sq. km.

We are comprised of **581** farms, which equals **535,279** acres of farmland. These farmers produce **29,141** metric tonnes of peas and **15,765** metric tonnes of canola annually.

We pride ourselves on our amazing Agricultural Services Department who are responsible for many things, including weed and pest control, within the county. Our vigilant approach towards weed and pest management helps to ensure the high quality of our crops.

### WATER

Providing reliable and safe potable water to our residents and businesses is incredibly important to Saddle Hills County. For the past 5 years we have been developing our rural potable water initiative, providing approximately **150** households and businesses with water, and installing **320** km of pipeline.

We are in the process of being able to draw an unlimited supply of water from the Peace River. The **\$40,000,000** Central Peace Regional Water Project Phases 1 & 2 will provide safe, potable water not just to our residents but also to the neighbouring municipalities.

### NATURAL GAS

Saddle Hills County is at the centre of the Montney Play, making it one of the biggest natural gas reserves in North America and is home to many industrial gas plants.

### ROADS

Highway 2, Alberta's second longest highway and the Gateway to the Northwest Territories, and Highway 49 run north to south, east to west through Saddle Hills County. Due to the large oil and gas presence in the region these corridors, and our extensive local road network, are used regularly by heavy duty vehicles, including farm vehicles, and are well maintained.

### RAIL

Saddle Hills County encompasses part of the CNR rail line adjacent to Highway 2, connecting us to Edmonton, AB and the two major western ports of Vancouver, BC and Prince Rupert, BC.

### AIR

Regional airports can be easily reached in Spirit River, AB (**32** km), Dawson Creek, BC. (**67** km), Fort St. John (**141** km) and Grande Prairie, AB (**110** km).

### WORKFORCE

The larger Peace Region offers a population of around **42,445**, with a workforce of approximately **30,772** people.

## FARM LAND POTENTIAL

581 farms = 535,279 acres

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Saddle Hills County has **5** volunteer fire departments, manned by a large contingent of amazing local firefighters and medical first responders. Our modern, fully-equipped fire halls are in strategic locations throughout the county to allow us to provide rapid and effective response for industry, forestry, business and residents.

Saddle Hills County is the major supporter of STARS Air Ambulance, giving a yearly donation which has helped to improve the fleet and services for northern residents and industry.

# WHY CHOOSE SADDLE HILLS COUNTY?



**PEOPLE**

42,445 POPULATION  
30,772 WORKFORCE



**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

5 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
STARS MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR



**AGRICULTURAL ADVANTAGE**

581 FARMS  
535,279 ACRES OF FARMLAND  
29,141 METRIC TONNES OF PEAS  
15,765 METRIC TONNES OF CANOLA



**RURAL POTABLE WATER INITIATIVE**

150 HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES  
320KM OF PIPELINE

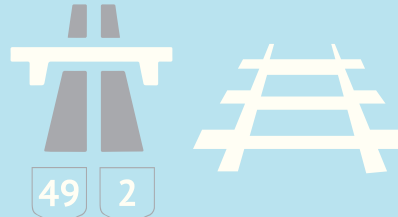
**CENTRAL PEACE REGIONAL WATER PROJECT**

PHASES 1 & 2



**AIR**

32KM SPIRIT RIVER  
67KM DAWSON CREEK  
110 KM GRANDE PRAIRIE  
141KM FORT ST JOHN



**ROADS & RAIL**

HIGHWAY 2 (RAIL ADJACENT)  
HIGHWAY 49  
CONNECTIONS TO EDMONTON,  
VANCOUVER & PRINCE RUPERT



Junction of HWY 49 & HWY 725  
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# LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Students from around Saddle Hills County visited the County offices on Thursday, September 29, 2022, to learn more about municipal government.

More than 100 local students participated in the annual event, called 'Leaders of Tomorrow' Students came from Savanna School, Spirit River Regional Academy, Ste. Marie Catholic School and Rycroft School.



The event consisted of lunch, a mock Council meeting and a tour of the County complex. Prior to the event students elected Councillors from their classes to represent them. At the beginning of the meeting the 'Councillors' then voted on a Reeve and Deputy Reeve from among their ranks.

Reeve Alvin Hubert, then spoke to the students about the importance of local government and, with the help of Councillors Danny Roy and Kristen Smith, guided them through a mock Council meeting.

As the meeting coincided with National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, students voted on motions such as building an orange pool at the Savanna Splash Park, installing orange Crush in water fountains, and painting telephone poles in Spirit River orange.

Following the meeting students were given tours of the County facility, including a demonstration of County vehicles such as the Peace Officer Vehicle, Fire Engine and Belly Dump Truck. Peace Officer Norm Backer, Protective Services Manager Brice Daly and Public Works Chris Murfitt were on hand to answer the students' questions.

Reeve Hubert took every opportunity to make the students feel welcome and answered all of their questions with his trademark smile and good humour.

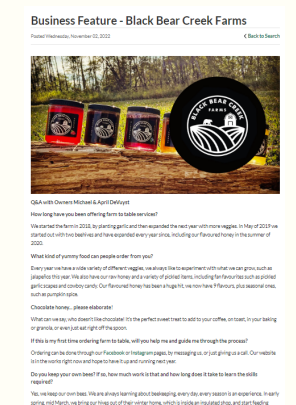
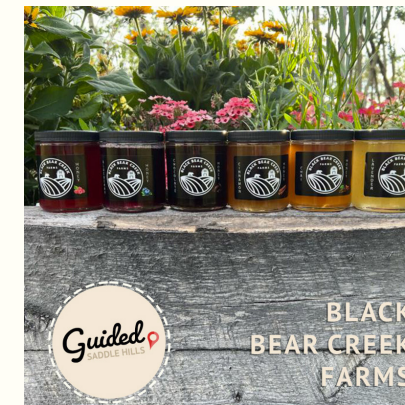
Saddle Hills County presented bursaries to a number of local students who are going on to seek post-secondary training and education at the Council Meeting on August 23, 2022.

Ashlynn Bourassa, Georgia Chipps, Jessie Derksen, Lauren Konashuk, Lukas Konashuk, Hayley McNaught, Roy McRann, Bailey Morrison, Alexandra Pullishy and Evan Pullishy all received a total of \$3,100 from the County and the NADC to put towards their studies.

Roy and Bailey both came to Council to receive their awards. Roy will be starting his BSc in Grande Prairie this year and Bailey is currently working in Grande Prairie as an arborist whilst continuing her education and certifications.



To help promote our local businesses, community groups, facilities and tourism in the County we have been creating a series titled Guided Saddle Hills. The project includes videos and photographs of attractions and facilities, as well as Business Highlights and extended Business Features for all of our talented, local entrepreneurs. We hope to make the wider community aware of all the amazing things Saddle Hills County has to offer!



We are aided in this by local videographer, Billi Comstock, who has been creating a series of tourism videos and reels highlighting local attractions and activities. These can be viewed on our social media platforms.



If you would like your organization, facility, business or any other place featured please get in touch!  
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# OUR HISTORY

## 1960 - 1990

Adapted from a piece by Chloe Crisanti

Travel by automobile had become more and more common by the 1950s, and the state of the roads and trails had become an impediment for many. Most roads were trails worn out in the dirt, and ditches were not dug in until the 1960's.

To this day, dust control and road maintenance are vital parts of the operation of the County. In 1960, the Dunvegan Bridge was completed, replacing the Dunvegan Ferry, which had been active since 1909, and connecting traffic between Alaska and the southern US border. This bridge was the first highway suspension bridge in the prairies and continues to facilitate travel across the Peace River.



In the late 1970's, plans began on establishing 6,500 acres of grazing land in the north of Township 80. This area was developed by the Silver Slope Co-op into the Blueberry Mountain Provincial Grazing Reserve, an open pasture as well as a popular site for hunting moose and bear.

The combination of hunting, farming, logging, and oil and gas in the area creates significant risk of fire. In 1981, I.D. No. 20 built its first fire hall in Woking, continuing to build more across the district

throughout the 1980's. Fire and Rescue Services are vital to the County, and we are constantly expanding our efforts on this front. Health Services are also essential, with the Grande Prairie Health Unit's sub-office servicing the area starting in the 1970's until its closure. The area has since been serviced by the Central Peace Hospital, which has been rebuilt as the Central Peace Health Complex.

The Municipal District of Saddle Hills No. 20 was incorporated on January 1, 1995, composed of ranges in Townships numbered between 75 and 84 with all this land "lying west of the sixth meridian." On July 1, 1999, the county was renamed, along with several other counties. The "No. 20" was removed, and the county received its current name, "Saddle Hills County."



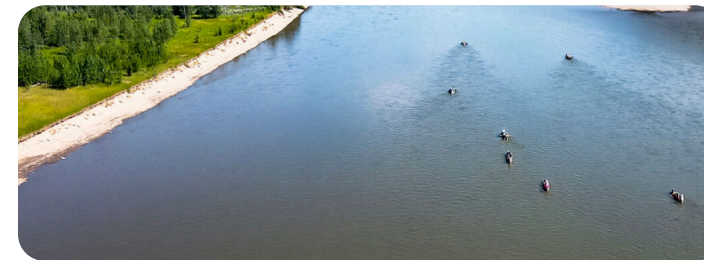
Figure 8—Rolling to hilly topography is typical of portions of the Saddle hills and the southern part of the mapped area.

# PEACE RIVER BRIGADE VISIT



The Peace River Brigade met at Cotillion Campground in Saddle Hills County before launching their Passing the Paddle trek along the Peace River, from July 22-28, 2022. They stayed the nights of July 22 and 23 and were provided dinner by the Cotillion Butte Recreation Society, with an opportunity to stop and chat about their experiences with locals and visitors.

They began at the Clayhurst Bridge on July 22 and spent five days paddling to the Town of Peace River, which they reached on July 28. The paddlers retraced the route of the indigenous people and settlers.



According to a release published by the Brigade, "Overall the brigade went very well. There were eight boats registered with 76 paddlers, plus five support crew, for a total of 81 people attending. Crews came from Victoria, Saskatchewan, Kelowna, Hinton and Edmonton. Paddlers were from all over, including Wisconsin, and throughout Alberta.

The river water levels were lower than normal for this time of year. Flows were about 950 cubic metres per second for most days. This created some more shallows and gravel bars, but mostly did not affect paddling. Paddling speed was generally 10km per hour, plus breaks. Fortunately, the dam was opened and the flow increased on our longest day of paddling, increasing our typical speed somewhat"

Stewart Inglis, Chair of the Peace River Brigade, explained that the brigade theme for 2022 was 'Passing the Paddle'. This was intended to target a younger demographic to experience paddling in a brigade, and also to get new, younger people involved in organizing a brigade. This was generally successful as there were nine minors paddling the brigade, ages 9-15, making up approximately 10% of total paddlers.



According to Inglis, the weather was very favorable with mostly sunny and warm days. The heat actually came close to being too much, as the high temperatures hit 32 and 35 degrees on two of the days. Crews were good at dressing for sun protection and drank lots of water.

Photographs by @billicomstock

**Britney Jacob**  
Overall Winning Image  
Public Choice - #1 Adult People  
Judges' Choice - #2 Adult People



# Winners

## 2022 PHOTO CONTEST



**Britney Jacob**  
Public Choice - #2 Adult People  
Judges' Choice - #1 Adult People



**Britney Jacob**  
Public Choice - #1 Adult Places



**Grete Fimrite**  
Public Choice - #2 Adult Places  
Judges' Choice - #1 Adult Places



**Corry Heinrichs**  
Public Choice - #3 Adult Places



**Kayleigh Mattison**  
Public Choice - #3 Adult Places  
Judges' Choice - #2 Adult Places



**Johannah Stahl**  
Public Choice - #1 Youth People



**Willis Ventimiglia**  
Public Choice - #3 Youth People



**Johannah Stahl**  
Public Choice - #1 Youth Places  
Judges' Choice - #2 Youth Places



**Jo Ann Edey**

Public Choice - #3 Adult People



**Gracia Ventimiglia**

Public Choice - #2 Youth People



**Gracia Ventimiglia**

Public Choice - #3 Youth People  
Judges' Choice - #1 Youth People



**Gracia Ventimiglia**

Judges' Choice - #3 Youth People



**Diane Fulton**

Judges' Choice - #2 Youth People



**Gracia Ventimiglia**

Public Choice - #2 Youth Places  
Judges' Choice - #1 Youth Places

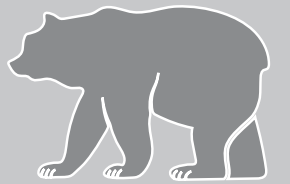


**Gracia Ventimiglia**

Public Choice - #3 Youth Places

# BUSINESS FEATURE

## BLACK BEAR CREEK FARMS



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### Q&A WITH APRIL DEVUYST, OWNER

*How long have you been offering farm to table services?*

We started the farm in 2018, by planting garlic and then expanded the next year with more veggies. In May of 2019 we started out with two beehives and have expanded every year since, including our flavoured honey in the summer of 2020.

*What kind of yummy food can people order from you?*

Every year we have a wide variety of different veggies, we always like to experiment with what we can grow, such as jalapeños this year. We also have our raw honey and a variety of pickled items, including fan favourites such as pickled garlic scapes and cowboy candy. Our flavoured honey has been a huge hit, we now have 9 flavours, plus seasonal ones, such as pumpkin spice.

*Chocolate honey...please elaborate!*

What can we say, who doesn't like chocolate! It's the perfect sweet treat to add to your coffee, on toast, in your baking or granola, or even just eat right off the spoon.

*Do you keep your own bees? If so, how much work is that and how long does it take to learn the skills required?*

Yes, we keep our own bees. We are always learning about beekeeping, every day, every season is an experience. In early spring, mid March, we bring our hives out of their winter home, which is inside an insulated shop, and start feeding them with a combination of sugar water and pollen patties. By

the end we split our hives to create more hives.

By June they are strong enough to go out and pollinate so we don't have to feed them anymore. At the end of July we start pulling honey from the hives, filtering and jarring for everyone to enjoy. We pull honey until about the end of August and start preparing the hives for winter.

*How large of a geographic area do you serve? How far away can you deliver your products?*

Delivery is within 150km, but we do also ship. Our products have gone all over Canada, from Vancouver island to Saskatchewan, and all the way to Ontario.

*How important to your business are the markets you attend in places like Bay Tree, Bonanza etc.?*

Very important! The markets have enabled us to get our products out to the community. By personally being at the markets we have the privilege of getting to know our customers and learning about what's important to them. We are very proud to offer good quality local products to customers.

*If I were looking for you in your spare time, what would you likely be doing?*

Spare time is pretty rare in the summer, but we love being on the farm. We have created a life that we simply love to live, even when life is so crazy with the bees, gardens and greenhouses, markets and all the farm projects. Our relaxation time during the summer is often sitting by a bonfire, visiting with friends and family, or just with our dogs. Our winters are mostly spent in the mountains, we love snowmobiling.



# COUNTY NEWS

## IMPROVING SPRING LAKE CAMPGROUND

Council voted unanimously to go forward with providing electrical service to Spring Lake Campground, in conjunction with ATCO Electric. Administration will provide electrical design work for the underground electrical distribution within the campground, beyond the transformers, and proceed with the installation of the distribution panels and underground electrical runs to the campground loop.

In September staff installed pre-cast concrete pads in the boat launch in order to help protect the bed and shore, while making it more user-friendly for vehicles launching and loading watercraft.



## FULL WATER PRESSURE FOR SAVANNA PUBLIC FACILITIES

Council has added \$432,500 to the 2022 Rural Waterline Project to cover project re-alignment, inflation and full water pressure to the public facilities in Savanna. This includes the Savanna Rec. Plex, Savanna School, Fire Hall, and the newly installed Splash Park. This will allow for a reliable source of water to these facilities.

## SAVANNA SPLASH PARK OPEN!

The long awaited Savanna Splash Park is now open! The opening coincided with the Savanna Ag Society Annual Fair and provided a perfect

opportunity for local and visiting children to cool off from the late summer heat. This summer hours were 7 days a week, 1-4pm (weather permitting). This may change in the upcoming season dependent on water availability.

## REMEMBERING THE QUEEN

Reflecting back on the life of Queen Elizabeth II after her passing, Reeve Alvin Hubert reminded Council on September 13, 2022 of the special celebration held in her honour, back in 2015.

One September 9, 2015 around 30 people joined Council at the County office in order to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's reign with a special tea. On that date she became the United Kingdom, and the Commonwealth's, longest reigning monarch.

In appreciation of the gathering, Christopher Sandamas, Chief Clerk to the Queen, sent Reeve Hubert a letter expressing the Queen's thanks and sending her best wishes. The framed letter can be found in the display case at the County office.



Elizabeth was Queen from February 6, 1952, until her death. She was queen regnant of 32 sovereign states during her lifetime, and 15 at the time of her death. Her reign of 70 years and 214 days is the longest of any British monarch and the longest recorded of any female head of state in history. She died on September 8, 2022, aged 96, at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire, Scotland and was buried on September 19, 2022, at King George VI Memorial Chapel, in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

## LARGE CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON TWP. RD. 775

A large culvert was replaced on Twp. Rd. 775 this summer. It was one of several that were damaged during the severe flooding of July, 2020.



## WESTERN SOIL CONFERENCE

Saddle Hills County is sponsoring two County producers to attend the Western Conference on Soil Health and Grazing, in Edmonton on December 13, 14 and 15. Names were drawn at random from those who entered the draw. The winners were Riley Nooy and guest, and Verlin and Debra LaRochelle.

## LOCAL PISTOL SHOOTER RECEIVES COUNCIL SUPPORT

Well known championship Pistol Shooter Liz Gustafson won several medals at the 2022 National Championships held in Cookstown, Ontario. Gustafson, who lives in Woking, won Silver in 10M Pistol, Bronze in 25M Pistol, Silver in 25M Mixed Teams, Gold in 25M Women's Teams and Silver in the first 25M Mixed Team Rapid Fire Competition.

She was named to the Canadian Team for the 2022 ISF World Championship to be held in Cairo, Egypt in October, one of only three Canadian women to be invited. Her ultimate goal is to represent Canada at the 2024 Tokyo Olympics. She

has a large number of national and international competitions she must attend in order to reach this goal. As Canada does not provide funding at the international levels Council decided, at their September 27 Meeting, to provide Gustafson with \$2,500 in financial support to help her meet her goals.

## STARS ANNUAL UPDATE

Glenda Farnden from the STARS Foundation appeared before Saddle Hills County Council on September 27, 2022 to provide her annual update on the organisation's activities and to thank Council for its continued funding support.

From Blueberry Mountain to Bonanza, Gordondale, Gundy, Silver Valley and Woking, STARS has played a vital role in saving lives. Since 2010 STARS has flown 42 missions in Saddle Hills County, and has helped many more County residents, both in Alberta and neighbouring provinces, when they required assistance.

Saddle Hills County is a long time contributor to STARS, with an annual donation of \$200,000. Farnden described the support as unprecedented saying, "You were the first to come through the doors to ask, what can we do for you? You are the reason we are able to provide the services we do. Thank you, we are partners."

## WANT MORE LOCAL NEWS?

Saddle Hills County landowners can sign up for a weekly copy of the Central Peace Signal, to be delivered directly to their mailbox, or home. Call the County office at (780) 864-3760 to request your copy.

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# BUSINESS FEATURE

## J.KLEAN INTERIOR DETAILING



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### Q&A WITH JOSH & KRISTA ENNS, OWNERS

*How long have you been doing interior detailing?*  
We started in May of 2022.

*How wide of a geographic area do you serve?*

We've mostly cleaned vehicles in the Savanna area, but that's expanding as more people find out about us.

*Detailing the interior of a semi must be a big job. What is involved and how much more does it cost than detailing a car or a pickup?*

It costs about \$100 more than a pickup or a car. It's a lot of work! We cleaned one semi that was mouse infested, and smelled like it too. We have a machine that removes odours without using chemicals, we let that run for a couple of hours first, and then let the semi air out. There's also a lot more surface area to clean. We clean everything out and give it a good vacuum to start with and then we'll clean the ceiling, carpets, and seats. Next, it's the plastics, doors, floor mats, and windows. Then it's time for the final vacuum and putting everything back together. We finish it off with a UV protectant!

*You also detail farm vehicles? How different are they from the detailing work on a car or a pickup?*

Most of the vehicles we've cleaned have been farm vehicles. We cleaned one vehicle from Grande Prairie and there wasn't the layer of dust that you get on vehicles from out here!

*How easy is it to remove chemical stains?*

There was a pickup we recently cleaned that had some chemical stains on the seats and we got them out with our steamer.

*Just how much cleaner can interior detailing make my vehicle?*

We can remove almost all stains with our steamer and our upholstery cleaner! We've got comments multiple times when customers see their vehicle that it looks brand new. One couple said it was cleaner than when they drove it off the lot!

*Does interior detailing improve the value of my vehicle?*

If you are planning on selling your vehicle, a nice clean interior is going to make a difference.

*How often should I get my vehicle detailed?*

At least once a year, to keep up with the accumulation of dirt and grime that builds up with daily use.

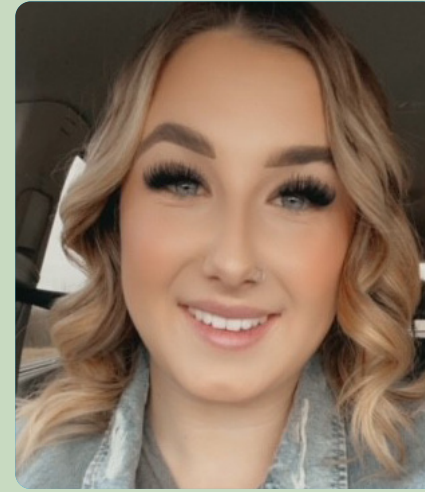
*How long does it take to detail a vehicle?*

Between 6-12 hours depending on the size of the vehicle and how dirty it is. We usually have people drop their vehicles off for 2 days. My husband and I both have other jobs, so we just fit in detailing on our days off.

*If I were looking for you in your spare time, where would I be likely to find you?*

Doing some sort of home renovation or DIY, or working on our yard.

## MEET OUR STAFF



### JUSTINE YANISHEWSKI, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR

Justine has recently been promoted to Legislative Coordinator from her previous position as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Operations. Justine grew up in Spirit River, surrounded by family, and graduated from the Spirit River Regional Academy, where her 6 year old daughter now attends Grade 1. In her spare time she enjoys art, such as makeup, photography, drawing cartoons, painting and music, and loves to take her daughter swimming, camping and touring to different events. She is excited to take on this new position and continue her career at Saddle Hills County.



### DOROTHY GANO, RECEPTIONIST/UTILITIES CLERK

Dorothy was raised on a farm near Mayerthorpe, Alberta along with her 10 siblings. She enjoys spending time with her family, including several members in Saddle Hills County, as well as camping and curling in her spare time. She went to school for Office Administration in 2013 and is enjoying her new job helping the residents of Saddle Hills County.



### MONICA RANDELL, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Monica is originally from the U.K., but currently lives in Dawson Creek with her partner and their 11 month old son. She has a degree in Photographic Arts from the University of Westminster and 10+ years' experience working as a Graphic Designer, including running her own business, MEllen Design. She is very involved in her local community as a Director on the Dawson Creek Chamber of Commerce and Arts & Wellness Society Boards and is working hard at promoting County businesses in BC. She has worked at the County for the past 2 years and is excited to take on this new role.

# SHC BUSINESSES ROCK

Are you a Saddle Hills County resident who runs their own business? We would love to hear your thoughts on what we could do to help you advertise and grow, free of charge. No idea is too big, or small! Please contact our Communications Coordinator at the County office on (780) 864.3760, through social media, or at [communications@saddlehills.ab.ca](mailto:communications@saddlehills.ab.ca).



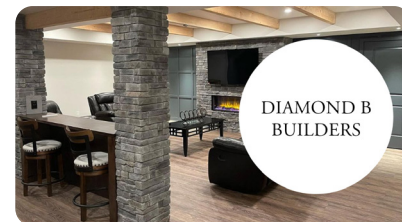
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# Guided SADDLE HILLS

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Welcome to our new series, Municipal Mythbusters, helping you to better understand municipal processes and answer some of the most frequently asked questions.

**Have a myth you'd like us to bust? Get in touch!**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Making sure that everybody has access to clean, safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. We do this in a number of ways. We operate four water treatment plants which provide the water for our expanding system of pipelines, providing potable water to homes and businesses throughout the County. In order to build these pipelines we require access to private property, through legal agreements with landowners called easements.

### **WATER EASEMENT & RIGHT-OF-WAY FACTS:**

- 1.** Easements and rights-of-way are very common in Alberta. Most urban and rural properties are subject to easement or right-of-way agreements.
- 2.** Most commonly easements are created from a need to access land, such as local utilities who may require access to fix or service water and sewer lines, gas lines, and electrical or fibre optic cables.
- 3.** The landowner continues to own the land and has only given up defined rights on the portion of land used for the right-of-way or easement.
- 4.** The agreement defines all the rights and obligations of the holder of the easement or right-of-way and the restrictions that are placed upon the property.
- 5.** The landowner granting the easement will receive a payment (\$10) to make the agreement legal.



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