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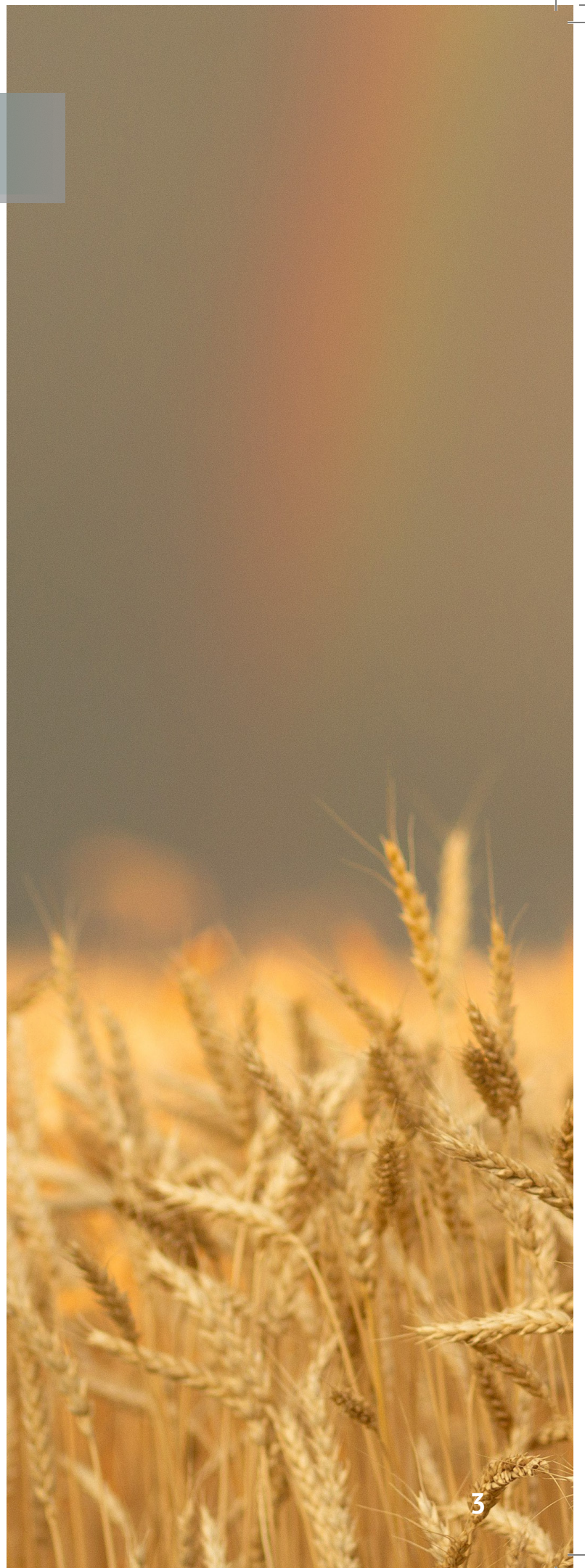
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REGIONAL WATER PROJECT

The Alberta Ministry of Transportation announced on July 20, 2022, the approval of the Water for Life grant application for the design of the Central Peace Regional Water Treatment Plant. The funding covers up to 90 percent of the \$2,222,222 project.



Saddle Hills County applied for the grant on behalf of the Central Peace G5 Group of municipalities. The G5 Group includes Birch Hill County, the MD of Spirit River, Saddle Hills County, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft.



The Central Peace Regional Water Treatment Plant is the next phase of the Central Peace Regional Water Supply project. The current phase in progress is a new water supply intake and lift station from the Peace River, by the Dunvegan Bridge, as well as approximately 36 km of new raw water pipeline to the Spirit River

and Rycroft reservoirs. This \$40 million project is funded in part by the Government of Canada, the Government of Alberta and Saddle Hills County.

“We are excited for the opportunity to be able to provide a reliable source of potable water to the residents, businesses, and industries in the Central Peace Region. This is a major step towards securing the future of our communities.”

- Reeve Alvin Hubert

The G5 Group currently relies on local water treatment plants and intermittent surface runoff water sources for their potable water needs. There are currently seven water treatment plants in the G5 region.



The primary objective behind the project is to provide the participating municipalities with a reliable, safe, and expanded water treatment system, capable of satisfying the needs of the region well into the future.

Saddle Hills County hosted an Open House for the Central Peace Regional Water Supply project at the Spirit River Centennial Hall.

VOLUNTEER BBQ

Saddle Hills County held a special celebration on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at the Moonshine Lake day use area to honour the County's volunteers.

The County has been unable to host the annual event since 2019. So it was with a real sense of pride and satisfaction that Council and staff honoured this year's nominees as well as the volunteer firefighters and first responders.

Nominations were accepted from all over the County and nominators were asked to fill out a form available on the website or by request detailing the reasons the nominee should be honoured.

The Volunteer Appreciation BBQ was organized in order to recognize the contributions of volunteers who were nominated by County residents as well as volunteer firefighters and first responders who have reached milestones in their careers.



The six residents who were honoured were: Theresa Akeroyd, Valerie Bates, Gerd Cramer, Carla Day, Patricia Maxwell and Kayla Robinson.

Each winner received a gift which included a County cooler bag, a BBQ set and a set of knives together with a special certificate commemorating their service.

Central Peace Gas Co-op kindly donated a 40,000 BTU stainless steel Dual-Tube Broil King Propane BBQ as a door prize which was won by Russell Radke. Prize winner drawn by Tess Thomi.



STARS Air Ambulance was also on hand offering guided tours of their rescue helicopter.

The County has been a longtime supporter of STARS providing annual financial support as well as a \$500,000 gift in 2020 towards the purchase of the new H145 helicopter to serve residents of the county and the entire northern region.

"Saddle Hills County values STARS and the very important work they do. Not only are our residents safer because of STARS, but Saddle Hills County is a safer place for business and industry because of the life-saving STARS does. We count ourselves lucky to be able to rely on STARS and to be able to support them in the way we do." - Reeve Alvin Hubert, 2020

VALERIE BATES

Unfortunately Valerie was unable to attend the BBQ.
Bay Tree Park, Bonanza School Bring It Society
Nominated by: Joanne and Lee Lefebvre

Valerie Bates is a registered nurse. She is there to assist anyone and everyone who needs help, whether it's medical help, or any other problem that people may have. She is always there for a friend to talk to and to help when someone loses a loved one, or needs to be consoled. She is a great organizer and helps out at our Cotillion Hall, and with many other activities.

She inspires the older people (and not so old) to exercise and keep moving, even in the winter time. She helps out at her church in Dawson Creek and is a Sunday school teacher. She helps out in any way she can and never tires. She is a good friend and a great neighbour. Valerie is the best thing that ever happened to Cotillion, and the people who live in the area.

When someone is sick she will bring them food and a get well card to cheer them up. Valerie has more energy than anyone I know. If anyone should receive this award it should be her, for the years of dedication she has shown. She is the first one to be there to help and the last one to leave. We all feel very safe in our community.

She is married to Darrel, and they have two children, and a farm, in Cotillion.

THERESA ACKROYD & KAYLA ROBINSON

Fourth Creek and Silver Valley areas
Nominated by: Daniela Dolen



Theresa and Kayla put on two big events in Fourth Creek and Silver Valley that bring the whole county together:

- Edna's Christmas in the Valley, and the annual
- Easter Egg Hunt

They both have leadership and creativity skills which they share with others in the community. Edna's Christmas in the Valley brings many people out every year and both kids and adults just love it. This was the 9th year for the event.

The Easter Egg Hunt was shut down by COVID but because all the candy and chocolates were ready, the Easter bunny was able to come to everyone's house in 2020 to deliver goodies to the children. This year they had more than 125 kids from all over the county. There were plenty of snacks, crafts and Easter egg decorating for everyone. It was well-organized and the kids loved it.

Both Teresa and Kayla are exceptional because they are willing to help out anywhere that they are needed and they bring the community together from Woking to Bay Tree to Savanna.

GERD CRAMER

Woking and Westmark Community Builder

Nominated by: Karen Egge



Gerd is an active community builder in the Woking and Westmark area. He presently serves as the vice-president of the Westmark Farmers League. The treasurer of the St. John's cemetery committee, member of the St. John's Lutheran church council and vice president of public relations for the Dunvegan Toastmasters club. He has been a long-time firefighter with the Woking department.

Gerd has many skills he shares with the community. One example would be helping with the design of the Westmark Hall and supporting the work bees with hands-on labour to finish the project. He took the lead working with contractors to install the sound and screen technology needed for the hall.

People like working with him and supporting his ideas for improvements. He continues to build his public speaking and leadership skills with active membership in the Dunvegan Toastmasters club and we appreciate his initiative and commitment.

The community knows if Gerd is involved in the project or organization because the work will get done and he keeps his commitments. He is a good listener and works effectively to get other peoples' ideas incorporated in the project. He is good at getting others to volunteer and is respectful of their time and expertise.

CARLA DAY

Gordondale Community Club

Nominated by: Joyce Matkowski



Carla has spent hours phoning and organizing for our new hall in Gordondale. When she takes on a project she sees it through to the end. She doesn't give up.

PATRICIA MAXWELL

Bay Tree Park, Bonanza School Bring It Society

Nominated by: Phoenix Maxwell (daughter)



My Mom has had the determination to help make the Bay Tree Park a safe and comfortable place for people to hold gatherings and events. She does amazing work with the Bonanza School Bring It Society and has helped raise money for our school to provide us with necessities.

If my mom is asked to do something, she makes it her job to complete it as fast and efficiently as possible. No matter how packed her schedule may be, she always manages to find time for my brothers and me.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & FIRST RESPONDERS

Not all of the volunteer firefighters and first responders were able to attend the event. Those that were in attendance received their medals and certificates commemorating their service. The remaining awards will be handed out at the individual fire halls during regular meetings.

*AESM: Alberta Emergency Services Medal
CVFSA: Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association
VSA: Volunteer Service Award*

Andruchiw, Lawrence - 30-year VSA, 22-year AESM, 30-year CVFSA
Armagost, Edward - 22 & 32-year AESM, 30-year CVFSA
Armagost, Michael - 10-year VSA
Bolch, Ralph - 10-year VSA
Bontron, Timothy - 12-year AESM
Boomgaarden, James - 25-year VSA, 22-year AESM
Boomgaarden, Lance - 35-year VSA, 22 & 32-year AESM, 35-year CVFSA
Boomgaarden, Moira - 12-year AESM
Bouck, Leslie - 22-year AESM
Boychuk, Dmitri - 40-year VSA, 22, 32 & 40-year AESM, 40-year CVFSA
Cove, Chad - 5-year VSA
Cramer, Gerd - 40-year VSA, 22, 32 & 40-year AESM, 40-year CVFSA
Dolen, Ken - 22 & 32-year AESM, 30-year CVFSA
Dolen, Logan - 15-year VSA
Dreger, Derek - 25-year VSA, 22-year AESM
Dreger, Ryley - 5-year VSA
Drzewicki, Dwayne - 25-year VSA, 22-year AESM
Elliot, Dawson - 5-year VSA
Elliott, Donald - 5-year VSA
Gregg, Andrew - 30-year VSA, 30-year CVFSA
Hehr, Chris - 22-year AESM
Hutchinson, William - 25-year VSA, 22-year AESM
Konashuk, Carl - 20-year VSA

Konstapel, Brent - 10-year VSA
LaRochelle, John - 5-year VSA
LaRochelle, Verlin - 5-year VSA
Lillico, James - 35-year VSA, 22 & 32-year AESM, 35-year CVFSA
Mandel, Caleb - 10-year VSA
Mandel, Nathan - 20-year VSA, 12-year AESM
Miller, Kevin - 15-year VSA
Mitchell, Micheal - 12-year AESM
Murray, Stephen - 12-year AESM
Rak, Jennifer - 5-year VSA
Rogers, Blaine - 10-year VSA
Rogers, Brent - 30-year VSA, 22 & 32-year AESM, 30-year CVFSA
Rogers, Craig - 12-year AESM
Rogers, Jaclyn - 10-year VSA, 12-year AESM
Rogers, Yvonne - 12 & 22-year AESM
Rose, Bruce - 15-year VSA
Rudy, Justin - 15-year VSA
Sadlier, Tony - 5-year VSA
Schuett, Larry - 22-year AESM
Shore, Clayton - 22-year AESM, 25-year VSA
Shura, Shawn - 22-year AESM
Simonson, Greg - 20-year VSA
Singer, Joseph - 20-year VSA, 22-year AESM
Smith, James - 5-year VSA
Stone, Ron - 10-year VSA, 12-year AESM
Taylor, Ryan - 10-year VSA
Thiessen, Patrick - 10-year VSA
Thomi, Andreas - 30-year VSA, 22 & 32-year AESM, 30-year CVFSA
Thomi, Chris - 30-year VSA, 22-year AESM, 30-year CVFSA
Thomi, Bruce - 10-year VSA, 12-year AESM
Thomi, Stephen - 10-year VSA
Toews, Delano - 15-year VSA
Toews, Vincent - 10-year VSA
Weleski, Jimmy - 25-year VSA, 22-year AESM
Wyant, Bretley - 5-year VSA
Yuha, Chris - 10-year VSA

OUR HISTORY

New Horizons

Adapted from a piece by Chloe Crisanti

Following the Second World War, the government opened the Silver Valley area to new homesteaders, clearing many acres of land for settlers. Friends would tell each other about new land they had acquired near the Spirit River, word of mouth prompting even more migration to the area.

Contributing to this migration was the arrival of the three major telephone companies, beginning in the 1950's: The Burnt River Rural Mutual Telephone Company, the Saddle Mountain Mutual Telephone Company, and Westmark Mutual Telephone Co. The companies dissolved in 1970 when telecom was taken over by the provincially owned Alberta Government Telephones (AGT)



Following the strikes and pickets of the 1930's, the workers of the area began forming clubs, unions, and other community groups. In the workplace, this facilitated negotiation and representation as opposed to direct action, but outside the workplace, these organizations fostered community engagement, hosting events like dances and pie socials.

The UFA, and other large unions and workers' organizations, were active in the area at this time, existing as a lobbying group and then as a political party. Its main function to local residents was community organization and service provision through their co-operatives.

4-H has always been very active in the area, starting a variety of agriculture, ranching, and cultural clubs throughout the post-war decades. These clubs taught young people how to raise livestock through hands on learning. One club of note was the 4-H Clothing Club, which taught young women home economics and etiquette.

Other organizations also began at this time, helping to shape their communities. The Silver Valley Busy Bees was a ladies' club which raised funds through raffles, potlucks, and other events, eventually raising \$200 to construct a new community hall. The Horseshoe of the Peace Historical Society hosted informational events and compiled a local history book. The Fourth Creek Junior Forest Wardens and The Girl Forest Guards were groups dedicated to teaching youths about environmental conservation and survival skills.

As well as formal groups, loose organization of families and interest have been vital to health and community, forming many of the sports teams in the area (mainly baseball and hockey), and even providing swimming lessons at Moonshine Lake.

'Let's be County Proud'

PHOTO CONTEST

We're doing things a little differently this year! We will be offering two prize categories, Most Popular and Judges' Choice.

The categories are People and Places. Participants may enter as either Adult or Youth (under 18). You need to be a resident of the county to participate but we welcome voters from anywhere to help us determine the winners. Head to our website to enter.

MOST POPULAR: Will be determined by social media 'likes' on the dedicated county Facebook (@shcphotocontest) and Instagram (@saddlehillphotocontest) pages.

Total likes will be tallied across both platforms.

Voting begins October 1st and runs until October 14th at 4pm.

JUDGES' CHOICE: Will be determined by our three judges, Danika Boyer, William Vavrek and Amos Wiebe. All judges are talented Peace Region photographers and we look forward to showing them the amazing talent our county has to offer!

1ST PRIZE: \$75 | **2ND PRIZE:** \$50 | **3RD PRIZE:** \$25

GRAND PRIZE (BEST OVERALL): A large, framed copy of the winning image

MEET THE Judges



Danika Boyer



William Vavrek



Amos Wiebe

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Jack Bird Pond | Star Bright Farms | Chinook Valley Golf Course | Geocaching

EXPLORE THE COUNTY

The County has further expanded our online presence by partnering with local photographer and videographer, Billi Comstock, to provide a number of beautiful, tourism-related videos exploring the County. So far Billi has created videos for us of Moonshine Lake, Cotillion Park and Jack Bird Pond. These can all be viewed on our Youtube Channel, TikTok or within our Instagram reels (@saddlehillscounty).



We have also been working on a series of reels in collaboration with community groups, local libraries and historic sites throughout the County. So far we have featured the Blueberry Hall, Happy Valley Ag & Recreation Club, Savanna Recreation Complex, Working Community Hall, Munro Presbyterian Church and Holy Trinity Greek Catholic Church. Videos of the other community halls, churches, local libraries and fire halls are currently in the works.

We hope to help make the wider community aware of all of the amazing places our county has to offer!

The County's Youtube page also includes a series of educational 'AG Chat' videos by the County's AG Services Department, as well as the 'Home on the Range' webinars for agricultural producers. There are a series of drone videos of the County's campgrounds available which, along with the other content, we hope will help to promote the County as a potential tourist destination.

If you would like your organization, community group or any other place featured please get in touch!
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BUSINESS FEATURE

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Q&A WITH DARREN BATES, OWNER

You offer geo-technical and environmental drilling services. Can you explain what this means to those of us who are not familiar with what you do?

Geo- tech drilling is where we test soil densities and stratigraphy for engineered structures and facilities. Often this pertains to new buildings, piling installation, bridge installation and pipeline crossings. The environmental aspect of drilling is basically testing soils for contamination. There is upstream drilling, which includes well sites and plant sites and downstream, which is generally fuel and bulk stations.

Diverse Drilling has also evolved to include vac and steam trucks as well as some general trucking such as gravel and contaminated soil hauling.

Do each of the services you offer require specialized drilling equipment and training?

For the most part, the drilling is pretty straightforward for regular soil sampling. The tooling consists of 5-foot-long drill stem (auger) with a 6-inch diameter with hex fittings, male and female, that slide together and then are retained with a pin. This stem is drilled into the ground then retracted straight out and the environmental consultant retrieves the soil sample from this auger. To advance the hole, the auger is drilled back in and another auger is attached and drilled down. We also have hollow stem augers, air rotary and ODEX drilling capabilities.

How long has Diverse Drilling been in business?

We have been in business since 2003.

Where are most of your drilling projects?

The drilling projects have taken us all over northern B.C. and Alberta whereas the vac and trucking work is mostly local.

What are some of your company's core values?

Obviously, safety is at the top of the list: we want everyone going home in one piece and, quite frankly, with safety systems such as ISNet, Complyworks and PICs, injuries or lost time accidents are detrimental to small companies such as ours. Maintaining a solid relationship with clients is important, and it starts from the bottom with a good working environment before the employees and equipment leave the shop.

Your company has regular safety audits. Can you explain why these audits are important?

We are COR-certified, so that includes yearly audits. We also do our own on-site inspections and quarterly safety meetings. The audits are a tool to find and assess issues regarding safety. Whether it be personnel, equipment, PPE, engineered or documentation, these are all part of the safety processes that are reviewed by an external auditor and management to make sure we are operating accordingly. The information and updates are also passed on to employees or equipment updated as needed.

It says your drillers and driller's assistants are trained on the job. What is the basic education level they should have before they can start training?

Attitude, experience and common sense are, quite honestly, more important than the education background of the employees in our industry.

Adapted from a piece originally published in the Central Peace Signal. The County has partnered with the newspaper to provide feature stories on some of the businesses in our community and the people who make them work.

COUNCIL NEWS

COMMUNITY BARBEQUES

A series of Community Barbeques were held throughout the County, during the summer. The events were arranged with Community Organizations and took place on the following dates:

June 11 th	Happy Valley
June 16 th	Westmark Hall
June 18 th	Cotillion Park
July 1 st	Fourth Creek
July 14 th	Bay Tree Park
July 21 st	Blueberry Hall

TREE SEEDLING PROGRAM

On April 12th the new Tree Seedling Program was approved, which offers a variety of tree seedlings, through the AG Services Department, to ratepayers for planting on their property within County boundaries. Details of the program, as well as order forms for 2023, can be found on the County website. Simply use the search bar on the homepage to search 'Tree Seedling Program.'

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL WATER SERVICE FUNDING

Council approved an increase to the 2022 Rural Waterline project by \$1,500,000 to allow for new requests plus a contingency of \$166,022.

FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saddle Hills County sponsored the Central Peace Firefighter's Association 2nd Annual Golf Tournament by purchasing the Platinum Sponsorship for \$2,000.

DAWSON CREEK EXHIBITION & STAMPEDE

The County continued their yearly sponsorship of the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede, at Bronze Level, for \$2,000. Tickets to the events were won by Saddle Hills resident, Ashley York.

COTILLION RIVER SIGNAGE

A nautical sign is to be built and installed at Cotillion, along with a solar powered beacon, in a location that offers maximum visibility from the river, for a cost of up to \$10,000.



SENIORS' WEEK

June 6-12, 2022 was declared Seniors' Week by Saddle Hills County, to help show the community's support and generate greater awareness of the importance of seniors in Alberta.

UNGULATE DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

Saddle Hills County will be collaborating with the current Provincial Flex Partnership program, providing funding for up to three additional County producers.

SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL PEACE FOOD BANK

The County will support the Central Peace Food Bank for \$1,000 a month, from August - December, 2022 and will be looking at options for 2023.

2023 EXPANSION OF RURAL POTABLE WATER

The possible extension of the Rural Potable Water Project was advertised to residents of Bay Tree, Bonanza, Cotillion, Ksituan, Savanna and Woking. Interested residents were asked to fill out a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement by July 30 for consideration for 2023.

The County advertises in June of each year to determine the number of interested residents in each area, to help inform the continuing sequence to the County's existing rural water infrastructure. If there is considered to be sufficient public demand, and it meets the criteria of the County's policy, then a new waterline expansion may be considered in the proceeding budget.

GRAVEL HAUL RATE

The gravel haul rate was set for the summer of 2022 at a rate of \$0.22/tonne/km and \$1/tonne loading factor, with a fuel escalator clause starting at \$1/liter for fuel and increase/decrease of 1% of the haul and loading rates for every \$0.04 fuel increases/decreases with the County adjusting the rate on the first day of each month. The 2022 hired equipment rates were adjusted to 115% of the Alberta Road Builders rates for the season, due to the increase in fuel rates.

2022 COMMUNITY REVITALISATION

In light of the provincial lifting of event restrictions, and in order to encourage revitalisation of communities within Saddle Hills County, community organizations were encouraged to apply for a one-time County grant of \$5,000. Community Organizations approved for the grant included:

- Blueberry Mountain Goodwill Society
- Bonanza and District Agricultural Society
- Gordondale Community Club
- Gundy Community Recreational Society
- Happy Valley AG and Recreation Club
- Fourth Creek Community Association
- Silver Valley Community Hall
- Westmark Farmers League

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

As a community Saddle Hills County raised more than \$51,000 for the citizens of the Ukraine, which were matched by the County to help with relief efforts. The County also supported local schools in their efforts to raise funds matching donations from the Spirit River Regional Academy and the Bonanza School Art Auction.

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.

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Farmers! Got unwanted pesticides or livestock/equine medications?

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BUSINESS FEATURE

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Q&A WITH JOSH CAMPBELL, OWNER

You are a Red Seal certified plumber and a Class B gasfitter. What does that mean?

Red Seal means that I am able to work and pull permits anywhere in Canada once I passed my inter-provincial exam. As a Class B gasfitter, I am able to work on gas appliances up to 400,000btu.

Do you offer free estimates?

Yes, I do. I will come out to your home or business to get a better understanding of what needs to be done to provide a more accurate estimate.

A lot of houses around here are older homes. Is it difficult to repair older pipes with new materials? Have plumbing and heating changed much since these homes were built?

There are a lot of adapters available to transition between older and newer material. The biggest difficulty I run into is the accessibility to the location where I have to replace or fix. Regulations and codes have become stricter in the past 20 or so years. On gas, a big change is the efficiency of new appliances versus their older counterparts.

What is backflow testing, and can backflow be prevented?

We don't provide backflow testing at this time.

How did you get started in the plumbing and heating business?

Coming from a family of tradesmen, I knew construction was what I wanted to do. As a teenager, I spent a few summers working for a plumbing and heating company and enjoyed the

variety of work involved in the trade. Twelve years later, it is something I still really enjoy doing.

Is any job too big, or small?

As I am only a one-man company at this time, jobs can be too big for me in the sense that I don't have the labour force to complete large jobs with a short timeline. On the flip side, no job is too small for me.

You offer 24-hour emergency call out service. How often do you get called out of bed, and how does that affect the rest of your day?

Depending on the season (winter callouts are more frequent), I would say an average of 2-3 times a month. Sometimes I have to shift my day to ensure I can still do the scheduled jobs I had. People are pretty understanding when they know you were at someone's house who didn't have heat in minus 20-degree weather.

Do you have anything you'd like to add?

As a newer, local business in the area I look forward to serving the community for years to come.

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF



BLAIN CROCKER, UTILITIES OFFICER TRAINEE

Blain is very excited about the opportunity to train as a Utility Officer and looks forward to working with the Environmental Services team to help maintain the highest quality water for the residents of Bonanza and Savanna. He is completing his training online. He describes this as the best job he's ever had.

NATALIE LICHTNER, UTILITIES OFFICER TRAINEE

Natalie completed her training for Water and Wastewater Technician at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton and was more than happy to move to the Central Peace in order to accept her job working at the Woking and Ksituan water treatment plants.



CAMERON REES-MIDDLETON, TRANSFER STATION OPERATOR

As a ten-year resident of Gundy, Cameron looks forward to serving residents of the area at the Gundy Transfer Station ever Saturday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Pacific Time (BC Time Zone). Cameron spends his spare time volunteering with trail maintenance in BC and runs his own homestead with his family.



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.



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MYTHBUSTERS

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!

Video versions of Municipal Mythbusters will soon be available on our social media and Youtube channels. Make sure to follow us so you don't miss out.

DID YOU KNOW?

Making sure that everybody has access to clean, safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. In 2022 Council removed the \$10,000 rural potable water connection fee and reimbursed all the customers who previously paid, or are paying, for this.

POTABLE WATER FACTS:

- 1.** The potable water in our Water Treatment Plants and Truck Fill Stations is tested daily for quality and quantity by our certified operators.
- 2.** Our waterlines are buried 9 ft. deep, well below the frostline, to ensure year-round service.
- 3.** Chlorine levels are monitored to ensure they meet provincial standards and ensure public safety.
- 4.** It is FREE to hook up and usage is only \$4 per cube. No administration costs or handling fees.
- 5.** Potable water is not automatically hooked up to your house, you need to apply.
- 6.** Applying is easy! Fill out a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement on the County website, or call Darren Lubeck, Manager of Environmental Services at (780) 864.3760.



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