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M.D. OF WAINWRIGHT HAS AVAILABLE FOR RENT: **MAGPIE TRAPS**



Contact the M.D. Public Works office 780-842-4024 to book. Traps are loaned out for 2 weeks, free of charge. Easy to use!



Have an interesting topic you want discussed in the Newsletter? Assistant Agricultural Fieldman **Aimee Wonsik**, asb@mdwainwright.ca



Wainwright and District Business Partnership Breakfast

Wednesday, May 11, 6:45am-8:30am

Wainwright Communiplex, \$10 advance tickets only, purchase by May 4th.

Featuring: **Todd Hirsch, Senior Economist, ATB Financial "Alberta's Economy 2011, Where to From Here".**

Tickets available at Wainwright Town Office, M.D. of Wainwright office, and Armstrong's Clothing & Sports.

Municipal District of Wainwright No.61

The Municipal Agricultural Connection



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SHELTERBELT TREE SEEDLINGS ARRIVING MAY 3, M.D. OFFICE WILL CALL YOU TO ARRANGE PICK UP!!



WOMEN GRAZING SCHOOL, MISTAHIYA JUNE 14-15

Over the last 8 years the *Grazing School for Women* has reached nearly 400 women ranchers, through a unique learning opportunity focused on promoting and maintaining sustainability in agriculture; but open to only women registrants in northeastern Alberta. The *GSFW* operates under the principle of offering an engaging, entertaining and informative two day workshop bringing together ranching and farming women to develop and enhance land management skills, increase awareness of sustainability in agriculture and network with other women. Repeat customers (a few ladies have attended all 8 years!), daughters fresh out of high school and grandmothers who've been ranching for over 60 years, combine to form a diverse audience keen to connect with other women and learn how to sustain or better manage their agricultural operations.

The relationship or connection to the land which fosters stewardship of our resources, especially in agricultural situations where the family ties to landscapes often stretch back for generations is the common thread. Stewardship is an amalgamation of three elements, awareness or knowledge leading to creation of an ethic followed by action or choice. Grazing Schools provide the opportunity to connect with landowners and begin a journey down the path to stewardship. On June 14 & 15th, 2011, the *Grazing School for Women* will be primar-



ily hosted by the M.D. of Wainwright, and held at Mistahiya Lodge the first day, and venturing over to CFB/ASU Wainwright on day two. Some of the highlights of the school include local Master Gardener Barb Teeter, Steak BBQ, Wine & Cheese & Chocolates Social, tour of native rangelands and is intended for pasture gals only! Consider yourself invited to learn more about range health, forage varieties, pasture rejuvenation techniques (Dow Chemicals and Agrow-Plow/Drill operations) and shelterbelt health and rural hort questions and ideas to just name a few!

Pre-register by May 27 for the early bird registration of \$70, (\$85 afterwards), or for more information call Lindsey at 780-384-4129.



Grazing School for Women 2009 in Smoky Lake

"Life on the farm is a school of patience; you can't hurry the crops along or grow a prize bull in two days!"



We are all stewards of the Battle River Watershed

May 2011 -The Battle River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) has been keeping busy over the winter months, and 2011 promises the same! Many projects are currently underway, but our main areas of focus involve watershed planning, education, and community engagement.

Watershed Planning

The BRWA is nearing completion of its first State of the Watershed (SOW) Report, which will be available this summer. This report assesses the current condition and trends in the environmental, economic and social aspects of the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds. This report leads directly into the BRWA’s watershed management planning process. It provides the necessary baseline information from which to make decisions about how best to maintain and improve the health and sustainability of our watersheds. A Watershed Management Plan (WMP) will help the BRWA to promote the sustainable management of our watersheds. The BRWA is currently working on its Draft WMP Terms of Reference, which will define the vision, scope, objectives and process for developing the WMP.

Over the coming year, the BRWA is looking to connect with the people of the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds – individuals, communities, municipalities, businesses, clubs, organizations –

to share information from the SOW Report and gain public input on the watershed management planning process. In a broader sense, we want to hear your thoughts and perspectives on the issues, opportunities and barriers facing our watershed, as well as your ideas on how best to manage our watershed, both now and into the future.

For more information on the BRWA’s watershed planning initiatives, contact the BRWA’s watershed planning coordinator, Sarah Skinner, at sarah@battleriverwatershed.ca.



Education: Caring for our Watersheds

The Caring for our Watersheds (CFOW) contest is again in full swing. This Alberta-wide contest asks junior and senior high school students to answer the question “What can I do to help improve my watershed?”. The deadline for students to submit proposals is May 11, and the final competition will take place on June 4. For more information on the CFOW contest

or to volunteer your time to help, please visit the website www.caringforourwatersheds.com or contact the BRWA’s Education and Outreach Coordinator, Nathalie Stanley, at nathalie@battleriverwatershed.ca.

Community Engagement: “Spirit of the Watershed” Art Workshops

In partnership with the Camrose Arts Society, the BRWA will be hosting two art workshops in 2011. These workshops provide artists with an opportunity to get out and experience the beauty of the local landscape, to express that beauty through their own artwork, and learn more about the Battle River watershed in the process. Last year, workshop participants sketched and painted in the Stoney Creek valley of Camrose and at a restored wetland on Don and Marie Ruzicka’s Sunrise Farm. This year, participants will have the opportunity to paint, sketch and explore Dried Meat Creek and Little Beaver Lake. Come capture the “spirit of the watershed” with us! For more information on these and other BRWA initiatives, visit our website at www.battleriverwatershed.ca or give us a call at 1-888-672-0276 (toll-free).

Riverdale - Started taking bookings for the 2011 season on April 18th, we have a tentative opening date of “May Long” for camping, and the weekend before on May 14th we are looking to open the golf course. The Bookings this spring are up by 16%

making all of the long weekends projected to be at full capacity.

It will be a great summer at the M.D.’s parks with the winter being 7 months long, people will be out in full force this season enjoying the

SUMMER weather!! For more info, call Garrett Fraser, Director of Parks and Utilities, cell (780)806-3301.

Arm lake - starting to take bookings on May 1st. Also projected to book up very fast. (780)842-4727



REMINDER = Strychnine availability program has been SHORTENED

SPRING CLEAN-UP!

The M.D. of Wainwright Public Works Department will be picking up Spring Clean-up materials for a 2 week period beginning May 9th to May 19th, 2011. For more information please contact Karen at the M.D. main office, 780-842-4454.

Hamlets of Fabyan, Greenshields, Clear Lake and Area, Ascot Heights, Ascot Estates, Silver Willow and Banjo Estates.

Unacceptable materials would be appliances, furniture, construction materials, metal, hazardous waster, household and yard chemicals and paint. (These materials can be taken to the Wainwright Waste-to-Energy Facility; see back page).

Fabyan & Greenshields

Pick days will be Monday and Thursday each week. Schedule of May 9,12,16,19 -2011. Municipal employees will collect material properly packaged in clear plastic bags placed out in front of your house. Dark or coloured bags will not be picked up. Acceptable materials are grass clip-

pings and tree trimmings.

Clear Lake and Area

A garbage roll-off bin will be supplied, and placed at the Clear Lake main beach areas for one week period over the long weekend in May; from Wednesday, May 18 to Wednesday, May 25, 2011. This provides the opportunity to dispose of yard cleanup materials and household materials that are not hazardous.

Ascot Heights, Ascot Estates, Silver Willow and Banjo Estates

A garbage roll off bin will be supplied, and placed at the Ascot Heights garbage compound for a one week period over the long weekend in May; from Wednesday, May 18 to Wednesday, May 25, 2011. This provides the opportunity to dispose of yard cleanup materials and household materials that are not hazardous. Construction materials are not accepted.



2011 MUNICIPAL ROADSIDE MOWING PROGRAM and NO SPRAY

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 is once again conducting a Contracted Roadside Mowing Program. The Roadside Mowing will begin after July 15, 2011 and be completed by August 31, 2011. Approximately 850 miles of road will be receiving a minimum of a 10ft shoulder cut. Only a portion of the M.D. roads will be mowed and these roads have already been selected.

Ensure that any roadside haying operations have begun before July 15, 2011, as the contractor will not be skipping roads selected for mowing unless the ditch grass has already been swathed or cut.

If you have any questions please contact James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman at (780) 842-4454.

The Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 requires that if a rate-payer does not want their roadside sprayed or mowed during the 2011 spraying season they:

Must complete a No-Spray and/ or Haying Agreement and have the **LANDOWNER** sign the agreement; and

Must return to the municipal office the No-Spray and/ or Haying Agreement by May 13, 2011.

Once the agreement is signed, it becomes the responsibility of the landowner to maintain the portion of the roadside right-of-way that lies between the boundary of their property and the centerline of the municipal road; from encroaching brush and noxious weeds (toadflax, tansy, scentless chamomile, spurge; for a complete description with pictures visit the municipal website at www.mdwainwright.ca). The landowner shall not use the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 right-of-ways as a non-pesticide buffer zone. No-Spray and/ or Haying Agreements will not be accepted if signed by someone other than the landowner. No-Spray and/ or Haying Agreements must be **returned by May 13, 2011, in order to be approved at the Council Meeting in May.** Roadside spraying will commence approximately June 1, 2011.

As in previous years the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 does not spray in front of farm sites or environmentally sensitive locations. If you have any questions please call Aimee Wonsik, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman at 780-842-4454.

... last sale date Tuesday June 14, (one month shorter than previous years)

Spring Clean Up Waste Disposal Coupon FOR RESIDENTIAL ONLY

This coupon entitles the holder to ONE FREE DUMP LOAD, up to a 3/4 ton truckload at the Wainwright Regional Waste to Energy Incinerator and Landfill Site.

Valid Only May 16-21 and 24-28, 2011

Coupon must be presented upon arrival and has no cash value. M.D. of Wainwright residents only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Proof of residency may be requested. Refrigerators, deep freezers, air conditioners, toxic and hazardous material will not be accepted. Please sort your wastes to facilitate disposal.

WAINWRIGHT REGIONAL WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY



Regular Business Hours

Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



To facilitate disposal, wastes should be sorted into the following categories:

- Tires
- Burnables (lumber)
- Compostables (leaves etc.)
- Metals
- Clean Concrete
- Tree Branches

E-WASTE

You can dispose of the following electronics at no cost:

- Televisions
- Computers including monitor, keyboard, mouse, cables and speakers
- Printers and printer/scanner/fax combination

RECYCLABLES

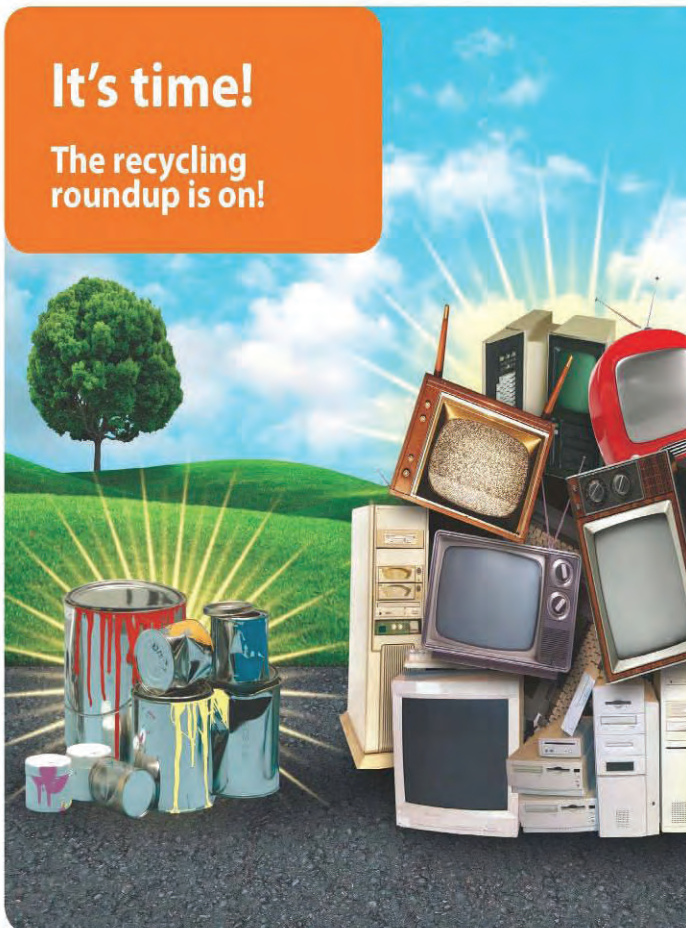
We now accept Glass, Metals & Plastics

For further information contact the Wainwright Regional Waste to Energy Facility at 842-4051



It's time!

The recycling roundup is on!



Your unwanted computers, TVs and old paint aren't doing any good hanging around, but they will if you recycle them.

Bring your old computers, TVs and paint to:

The Hazardous Round-up at Wainwright Regional Waste to Energy

1201 - 4 Avenue South

May 7 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information
contact Marie at 780-842-4051

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GM Pearson
Bio-Medical Waste

Visit www.albertarecycling.ca or call 1.888.999.8762 for more information on electronics and paint recycling in your area.



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SPACE AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITY
TOXIC FREE