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# The Municipal Agricultural Connection

Have an interesting municipal topic you want discussed in the Newsletter?  
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The 2013 Agricultural Service Board members, (back row L to R) Aimee Wonsik, Grant Aykroyd, Steve Rassok, Rod Gabrielson, James Schwindt, Ted Wilkinson, (front row) Rod Thirsk and Bruce Cummins. To view current ASB minutes, go to [mdwainwright.ca](http://mdwainwright.ca), and click on left sidebar Agricultural Service Board.

## INCREASED FUSARIUM LEVELS SHOWING UP ON WAINWRIGHT AREA SEED SAMPLES

Spring 2013 is shaping up to be sketchy conditions for seeding for grain farmers. With lasting snow cover of hard drifts from the snow storms a few weeks back, fields are staying cold and wet which will have devastating effects on seedling vigour and emergence.

unaware.” Lorne from the Edgerton Seed Plant says “If a sample comes back positive for Fusarium graminearum, that lot can not be unloaded or cleaned.”

Another posing problem in the municipality, is the increase of Fusarium graminearum levels showing up in Wainwright and Edgerton area seed samples. Right now, local seed cleaning plants are seeing increased Fusarium graminearum positive detection tests. Roger from the Wainwright Seed Plant says, “This is something the local farmers need to be aware of (that Fusarium graminearum) positive tests are coming back, lots of guys are



**It's time!**  
**The recycling roundup is on!**



Turn to the back page for info!

**MUNICIPAL MAGPIE TRAPS AVAILABLE FOR USE, 780-842-4024**



## SEED TREATMENT PRIORITY FOR CEREALS

### WAINWRIGHT PROTECTION AGAINST SEED BORNE FUSARIUM

To battle against Fusarium, farmers should be treating their seed in the spring in a registered fungicide. Unfortunately many local farmers skip this important step, which is cause to worry in our municipality. Fusarium is not stoppable over a fence-line, and therefore if your neighbour is not treating their seed, Fusarium can infect your crop depending on weather conditions. Ask your neighbour, don't assume that they are. There are no in-crop sprays that will control Fusarium graminearum; starting with a pre-seed protection is a positive first step.

emergence problems from a cold spring when farmers want a stronger vigour and even emergence in field. Consider trying a few field strips to see yield advantage. Call in to your seed cleaning plant to book bin space. Time intervals for treating are approximately 1000bu per hour.

Farmers can easily pre-treat their seed themselves; or they can get it done at their seed plant. The benefits of protection far away the minimal cost or inconvenience, especially since pre-treating also helps with other seedling pre-



*Fusarium graminearum infected wheat seedlings, note the pinkish colour.*

**There is a touch of green thumb in everyone, consider planting at least one tree in your yard this year. The song birds will thank you! AW**

# SPRING CLEAN UP!

**MUNICIPAL ROADSIDE MOWING PROGRAM and NO SPRAY**

Clear Lake Fabyan Greenshields Ascot Heights Ascot Estates Silver Willow Banjo Estates

The M.D. of Wainwright Public Works Department will be picking up Spring Clean-Up materials for a 2 week period beginning May 15th to May 22nd, 2013. For more information please contact Karen at the M.D. main office, 780-842-4454.

**Fabyan & Greenshields**

Pick up days will be Monday and Thursday each week. Schedule of May 6,9,13,16-2013. 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 clippings and tree trimmings.

**Clear Lake and Area**

A garbage roll-off bin will be supplied, and placed at the Clear Lake main beach area for one week period over the long weekend in May; from Wednesday, May 15 to Wednesday, May 22, 2013. 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 15 to Wednesday, May 22, 2013. This provides the opportunity to dispose of yard cleanup materials and household materials that are not hazardous. Unacceptable materials are appliances, furniture, construction materials, metal, hazardous waste, household and yard chemicals and paint. (These materials can be taken to the Wainwright Waste-to-Energy Facility; see back page).



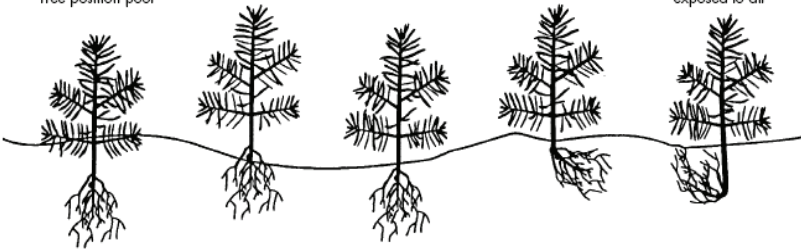
No Spray agreements must be submitted by May 1st, with roadside spray program commencing June 1st weather permitting. Roadside Mowing will begin after July 15th, and be completed by August 31st. Approximately 850 pre-selected miles will be receiving a minimum of a 10ft shoulder cut. Ensure that any roadside haying operations have begun before July 15th. Please contact James Schwindt, Agricultural Fieldman, 780-842-4454.

**2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE AVAILABLE FOR 2013**

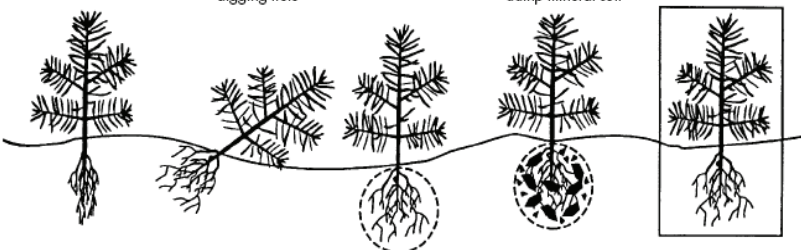
The M.D. of Wainwright will be selling 2% liquid strychnine concentrate for the 2013 season. This concentrate is for farmer's use only for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels. Product will be sold Tuesdays, from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m., located at the municipal rec shop, 1 block west of Wainalta motors (until end of June, by appt. afterwards). Strychnine will be priced the same as last year, \$7.00 per bottle (1 bottle treats 2.2 lbs of grain). Farmers are required to fill out documentation for product use, maximum 4 case per purchase date to ensure safe handling and usage of this pesticide.

**PROPER TREE PLANTING TECHNIQUE**

- 1. **Too deep**  
Needles buried  
Hole okay  
Tree position poor
- 2. **Too shallow**  
Roots exposed  
Hole too shallow
- 3. **Air pocket**  
From improper tamping
- 4. **"L" roots**  
Hole shallow
- 5. **"J" roots**  
Hole shallow  
Roots often exposed to air



- 6. **Compacted roots**  
Hole too narrow  
Not properly opened
- 7. **Not vertical**  
Shallow planting caused by improperly digging hole
- 8. **Too loose**  
Improper tamping after planting
- 9. **Poor planting soil**  
Planting in rotten wood, deep duff, or debris; roots not in damp mineral soil
- 10. **Satisfactorily planted tree**



**WOMEN ONLY EVENT!**

NEW Optional single day format for busy schedules!

Bring your neighbour lady friends for a day outing to network!

**June 12 & 13, 2013**

**VERMILION, AB**

Day 1: Pasture Walk & Farm Tour, Steak Supper

Day 2: Genetics, Land EKG, Tillage Radish, Calving Simulator, Social Media & Marketing

Lindsey @ 780-384-4129 or lcaetherwood@flagstaff.ab.ca

Comfortable Learning Environment to be able to ask questions!

The Original Grazing School for women

If you ordered shelterbelt seedlings, the M.D. will phone you with pickup instructions, which should be approximately May 15. Shipments have been delayed because of the spring storms and weather.

## 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 Facility and Landfill Site.

**Valid Only May 13-18 and 21-25, 2013**

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.

1201-4 Ave South Wainwright

### WAINWRIGHT REGIONAL WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY

780-842-4051

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.



**DISPOSAL**

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



## ATV USE and LANDOWNER RESPECT

If you take a look at this picture, you may view it in many ways... One way would be how much of a "good time" this looks like. However another (more important) way is to look past the quads and horsepower, and see the damage these machines have now done to this riparian area (*a riparian area is a sensitive, water bearing zone that works as a helpful environmental filter, catching nutrients that would enter our surface and groundwater sources*).

More and more, the M.D. of Wainwright is seeing off-road damage on private lands, from weekend warriors out having a "good time". In most instances

the damage is not fixable, as sensitive areas can not repair themselves quickly. Native rangelands are also vulnerable to quad use, as many pasture grasslands grow slowly and are highly susceptible to ground disturbance and traffic (in our municipality, much of our soils are considered "light land", which is a common term meaning sandy soil that is difficult for plants to grow.)

If you are someone who enjoys using ATV's, **ALWAYS** get permission to ride on someone else's land. "Pinning it" through a wet zone mixes soil profiles leaving it incapable to dry, causing the farmer hardship. Careless "ripping" damages the grasses and



plants growing in grasslands which for ranchers is what the cows eat to make money!

One final thought when looking at this photo, is to see the

young person on the back of the quad. Young people need to know the value of our environment. Teach them land stewardship, to care for plants and to ride responsibly. AW

*Pull out your garden hose, and give your trees a much appreciated drink!*



**WHO:**

The M.D. of Wainwright  
hosting an evening meeting

**WHAT:**

**NEGOTIATING SURFACE LEASE AGREEMENTS,**

presented by the Farmers Advocate Office,  
Carol Goodfellow of the Land and Energy Division



**WHERE:**

**WAINWRIGHT ELKS HALL, UPSTAIRS**

**WHEN:**

**MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013 @ 7:00PM,** free event,  
refreshments provided, please call to reserve spot 780-842-4454  
Aimee Wonsik, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman.

**OTHER  
INFO:**

Owning land in the M.D. of Wainwright can have its challenges when negotiating surface lease agreements. Oil and Gas companies know what they want, and it's up to the farmer or land owner to be able to handle requests with good knowledge and confidence. The M.D. of Wainwright will be hosting an upcoming evening meeting with the Farmers Advocate Office on this very topic of having the ability to negotiate surface lease agreements with oil and gas companies.

The Farmers Advocate Office works to ensure rural Albertans have consumer protection, rural opportunities and fair process. Rural opportunity is realized through assisting landowners with managing their land asset, mitigating business risk and maximizing future economic opportunity as it relates to interaction with the energy industry.

*Carol Goodfellow says, "This 2 hour session focuses on identifying pinch points of surface lease and other energy agreements. Surface leases and energy agreements, can be, very general in nature. Clarity, certainty of terms and plain language are key to a successfully negotiated contract. This will be an opportunity for landowner to engage in discussion about negotiating surface agreements and have their questions answered."*

Bring your old computers, TVs and paint to:

**The Hazardous Round-up at  
Wainwright Regional  
Waste to Energy**

**1201 - 4 Avenue South  
Saturday  
May 4 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**For more information  
contact 780-842-4051**



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TOXIC FREE**