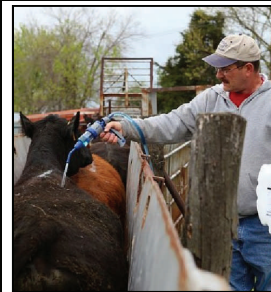


The Municipal Agricultural Connection

Have an interesting topic you want discussed in the Newsletter or municipal meeting? Suggestions to Asst. Agricultural Fieldman Aimee Leggett, asb@mdwainwright.ca or 780-842-4454



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Aimee (right) stands with a future rancher-lady or maybe farmer-woman, (or maybe a future municipal fieldman!) at the 2013 Rural Routes supper where kids are encouraged to attend and win prizes!

BURNING PERMITS, DRY OUT BUT O.K.

The weather conditions in the M.D. of Wainwright this autumn have remained suitable for land-owners to complete their fall work around the yard and in the field.

Once refuse has been gathered and piled, land owners can load a pick up truck and haul to the Wainwright Regional Waste to Energy landfill (780-842-4051) to discard.

Another method to clean up yard waste is to get a municipal burning permit and carefully burn the pile of deadfall trees and branches. The burning per-

mit notifies authorities of your intentions to burn in a

M.D. is not in a fire ban position. Fire permits are still accessible

from the M.D. office, for 2 week periods. Fire permits are also free.

To obtain a fire permit, contact your local Fire Chief: Chauvin (587) 281-1763, Edgerton (780) 806-3416,



controlled manor, during a specified time period, at a specific location.

With the current dry conditions within the municipality with tall dead grass and strong wind gusts, caution is essential when burning. The

Wainwright (780)806-6911, Irma (780) 754-3792; or contact your local municipal Councilor who can issue a burning permit for you. You can also stop in at the Municipal District of Wainwright Office during regular business hours to get a burning permit, 780-842-4454.

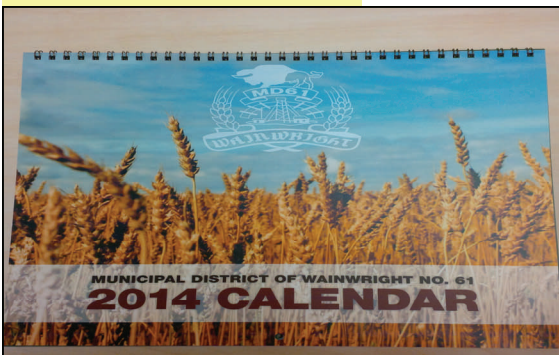
MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE NOVEMBER 30TH,

Either post-date your cheque, or come into the Municipal Office by Friday November 29, 4:30 p.m. to avoid late penalties (as Nov 30th occurs on a Saturday)

MUNICIPAL 2014 CALENDARS ARE IN!!

With much excitement and anticipation, the 2014 municipal calendars have arrived at the M.D. Office! This year, a slight change of design has occurred to keep the project original and fresh. The overall concept is still Rural Vibrant Community and Sustainable Agricultural Practices based, with rustic appeal and charm. Aimee Leggett, Assistant Agriculture Fieldman for the M.D. of Wainwright,

utilizes the photos from the annual Photo Contest to incorporate into the wall calendar; it is never too early to start taking photos! Please stop in at the M.D. office to pick up your copy of the 2014 Municipal Calendar! 750 copies have been printed, and are quickly getting picked up by folks coming in to pay their land taxes (Municipal Taxes are due November 30th.)



*****CHECK YOUR GRAIN BINS FOR HEATING*****

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE AGRI-MINUTES ON KEY 83?

On Wednesday October 23rd, a change in radio stations happened in the Wainwright area. Key 83 was removed from the airways, and replaced on the FM dial under 101.9 K-Rock. This change had been in the works for sometime, however it still felt surreal at 1:01p.m. to tune into 830 AM radio only to hear blank air sound and no country music.

In the early 1980's, a radio station called "LW" began in the 830 dial position, and served the Wainwright community with country music and local programming. LW airplay was only from 6 a.m. to midnight daily, which seems strange from today's non-stop radio format. "Key 83" radio took over LW in the early 1990's and stayed in the community for over 20 years of country music programming. Key 83 had 10,000 watts with coverage several hundred kilometres away and could be heard in Saskatoon and Montana compared to LW's 1000 watt coverage to Vermilion or Provost.

As part of Municipal Agricultural Service Board operations, using the radio as a means of sharing agricultural news and environmental updates, had been an im-

portant media outlet. Radio information remains a good way to access a wide audience of local rural people with the weekly "Municipal Agri-Minute with Aimee Wonsik".

Nowadays in current agriculture, modern equipment being sold from tractor dealerships is equipped with satellite radios, with wide range of channels to select and tune into for news, weather and sports across North America and beyond. However for local community perspective with an agriculture directive, Key 83 had what no other station could provide. It is an assumption that the majority of farmers and rural people listen to country music genre, we feel for agriculture commodity market reports and updates, country music and agriculture go hand in hand.

The M.D. of Wainwright will continue to utilize the airways for the "Municipal Agri-minute" on Wayne FM Wednesday mornings at 7:40



Mountain Mike (left) and Jeff Newlin (right) emcee the 2013 Municipal Rural Routes supper as Key 83 and Wayne FM personnel.

a.m., and will try out the new 101.9 channel Wednesday mid-day 11:40 a.m. The new 101.9 channel is a genre of classic rock, which may not fit the demographic of sustainable agriculture messages we hope to target. Please let us know what your thoughts and suggestions are by calling Aimee at 780-842-4454.

2012 ATB FARM FAMILY AWARD, EDGERTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



Clr. Ted Wilkinson (far right) presents Snyder Farms of Edgerton a plaque as the 2012 ATB Northlands Farm Family.

2013 M.D. OF WAINWRIGHT, 100 YEAR FARM FAMILY AWARD, WILEY FAMILY



Clr. Ted Wilkinson (far right) presents Wiley Family of Heath area with a plaque congratulating on 100 years of Farm Family on Homestead Quarter.

2013 RURAL ROUTES SILVER COLLECTION TO FOOD BANK



Aimee Leggett (left) presents a cash donation to Pastor Dan from the Wainwright & District Food Bank in the amount of \$943.90, on behalf of Wainwright rural residents that attended the Rural Routes Supper August 9, 2013.

BOT FLY EGGS ON HORSES, EASY TO SEE AND REMOVE

With the winter months approaching, horses gain extra hair for cold month protection. With their long fluffy hair, bot eggs can be found easily. It is good to regularly remove bot eggs when you see them, as at the initial stage, bot eggs remain for 30 days. If you are a horse owner, and haven't done so already, check your horses coat for Bot fly eggs and remove them.

Bot fly eggs are easy to spot once you know what to look for; small 2mm yellowish white egg casings, predominately found on the horse's front legs from the feltlock all the way up the cannon bone and to the armpit, with some being found on the shoulders and stomach.

Bot fly eggs cause the horse harm, as the eggs are stimulated to hatch by the horse biting or nibbling at them. The larvae then bury into the horses mouth and make their way over the course of a few months to the lining of the stomach, esophagus and also cardiac region.

You can manually remove the eggs by carefully using a sharp blade to cut off, or bot knife, or some sand paper. Be cautious when removing



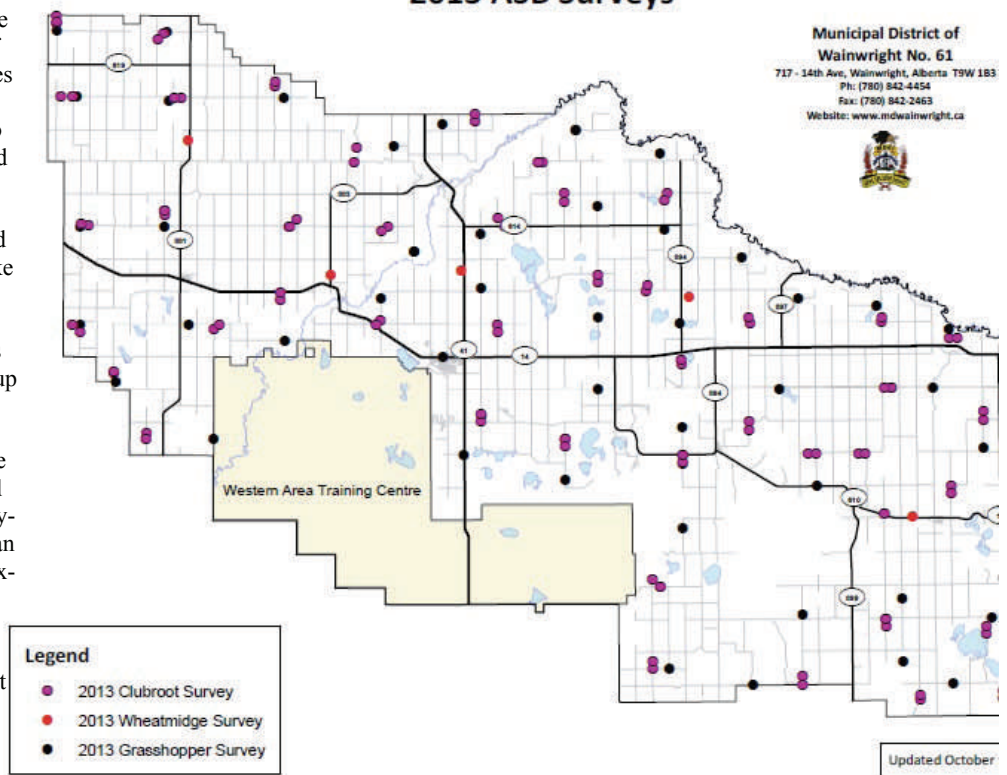
these eggs and wear gloves, as bot larvae can also burrow into human skin (and eyes). Consult with your veterinarian on a regular worming schedule for your horses, which is also effective at safeguarding against this equine pest.

HOW DO I GET RID OF MAPLE BUGS?

Box Elder Beetles, or more commonly called Maple Bugs seem to be a nuisance this time of year. Box Elder beetles are attracted to the warmth of buildings to escape the coming cold months, and will attempt to squeeze into holes of residences and heated buildings. Make sure that your home is well sealed around doors and windows, as the beetles will crawl up walls to find shelter. Box Elder beetles do not cause harm, but are more a pesky pest, and are intrusive and annoying; their excrement can stain fixtures. An unexpected hard frost will reduce their populations; insecticides are not necessarily the best option because of human exposure in the household.



2013 ASB Surveys



DRILLING A WATERWELL ON THE FARM

If you are a farmer (with a Alberta Agriculture Farm Fuel Program number or \$10,000 in farming income), you are eligible for grant funding through Growing Forward 2, if you are wanting to drill a water well on your farm. Farmers must consult with an Alberta Agriculture Water specialist BEFORE starting a water project.

Standard Incentive projects include construction of water wells, dugouts, spring developments dams and pipelines. These projects are eligible for reimbursement of up to one-third of expenses, to a maximum of \$5000.00 per applicant. Contact Aimee Leggett, Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, M.D. of Wainwright for more information, 780-842-4454.



PORTABLE WINDBREAKS FOR CATTLE

Properly placed portable shelters and windbreaks help minimize the impact of livestock on the environment by reducing livestock density and spreading out feeding and bedding areas in the winter months. This approach decreases manure nutrient build-up and protects water sources. Portable shelters and windbreaks have a funding maximum of \$10,000 cost share at 50%. 2 requirements for eligibility: must be a Farmer (\$10,000 farming income) and also have a completed Environmental Farm Plan (EFP).

YEAR ROUND WATERING SYSTEMS

Installation of remote watering systems limit or eliminate direct access to water bodies. Remote watering systems reduce the build-up and off-site transport of manure nutrients and pathogens, and provide greater protection of water sources and riparian areas. Year round watering systems have a funding maximum of \$30,000 cost share at 50%. 2 requirements for eligibility: must be a Farmer (\$10,000 farming income) and also have a completed Environmental Farm Plan (EFP).



DOUBLE WALL FUEL TANKS FOR FARMERS

The potential risk of contamination of the soil around fuel storage tanks, and subsequent movement of that contamination into surface water, can be reduced with modern double wall fuel tanks and fuel transfer equipment. Replacing aging fuel storage systems greatly can protect the environment. Fuel storage funding maximum of \$3,000 cost share at 30%.



2 requirements for eligibility for upgrading fuel storage systems: must be a Farmer (\$10,000 farming income) and also have a completed Environmental Farm Plan (EFP).