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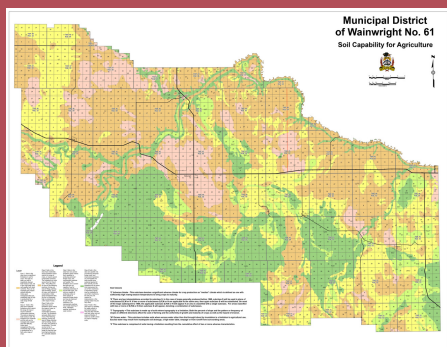
The M.D. has its most recently approved financial statement available on its website mdwainwright.ca

The M.D. has two waste water lagoons at the Hamlets of Greenshields and Fabyan. These waste water facilities are governed by provincial regulations.

The M.D. offers grants or in kind donations to various groups in the area, such as the Wainwright Stampede Association.

M.D. SOIL CAPABILITY MAPS

Soil capability maps for the M.D. can be found on the website at mdwainwright.ca under the ASB section or 30"x42" paper copies can be printed for \$25 per map at the administration office. Call 780-842-4454 to request a printed map.



NOTICE TO MD RATEPAYERS – WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE

Please be advised that the M.D. of Wainwright has switched waste disposal servicing from Waste Management to GFL Environmental Inc. effective January 1, 2023.

2023 Waste Service Rates:

3 YD	\$38.00/month
4 YD	\$44.00/month
6 YD	\$58.00/month
8 YD	\$70.00/month

These rates are standard for servicing once every two weeks and are subject to change from year to year. The M.D. of Wainwright is currently only stocking 3 YD and 6 YD bins going forward for future requests. For inquiries regarding servicing (schedule, delays, servicing), please contact the M.D. office at 780-842-4454. For inquiries regarding invoices (payments, issues with your bill), please contact GFL Environmental Inc. directly at 780-875-9472.

In order for GFL to service bins, please ensure that the bin is accessible to be tipped from the front and that roadways leading to the bin are clear for the trucks to travel. If GFL is unable to service the bin due to inaccessibility, they will attempt on the next scheduled service date. Thank you for your patience at this time.

AGKNOW

ALBERTA FARM MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

An Alberta approach to farm mental health, that is farmer-led. AgKnows goal is to increase resiliency in farming communities. They are here to promote mental health among farmers and farm families, so that they can lead fulfilling and productive lives. Visit agknow.ca to learn about the resources their passionate staff have to offer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on this year's workshop series organized by the M.D. of Wainwright's Ag Services Department! Full event details are available on the M.D. website (mdwainwright.ca), Facebook page and in your mailbox.

ROTATIONAL GRAZING & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

5:00pm-9:00pm February 7th at the C-Plex in Wainwright.

Featuring:

- Sonja Shank (CFGA) On-Farm Climate Action Fund Availability and Eligibility for Producers
- Grant Lastiwka (Forage and Grazing Specialist) Grazing Keys for Production and Economics
- Karin Lindquist (Professional Agrologist) The Fun of Creating Grazing Plans



CROP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30am-3:00pm February 16th at the Irma Curling Rink.

Featuring:

- Neil Blue (Provincial Crop Market Analyst) Crop Markets ... What's Happening?
- Mark Cutts (Crop Specialist) 4R Nutrient Stewardship and the On-Farm Climate Action Fund
- Dr. Jan Slaski (InnoTech Expert Researcher) Industrial Hemp as a Viable Cropping Option for Alberta Growers
- Robin Harrison (LandView) 101 Uses For A Drone On Your Farm
- Dr. Jenn Walker (Alberta Pulse Growers) Explore the PULSE-abilities

PRAIRIE PESTS

5:00pm-8:30pm February 21st at the Chauvin Community Hall.

Featuring:

- Karen Wickerson (Rat Program Specialist) Alberta Rat Control Program
- Dr. James Tansey (SK Pest Specialist) Richardson's Ground Squirrel (RGS); Life History Implications for Control and a Comparison of Some Products
- Hannah McKenzie (Wild Boar Program Specialist) Alberta Wild Boar Control Program



EQUINE EDUCATION

10:00am-3:00pm March 18th in Wainwright.

Featuring:

- Dr. Travis Smyth (Delaney Vet Services) Wounds and Lameness as Equine Emergencies
- Amanda Koeker (ARK Nutrition) Equine Nutrition Basics and Forages and Their Relationship to Horse Health
- Jessie Robinson (Robinson Farrier Services LTD.) Know Your Farrier

All events are offered at a cost of \$10/participant for M.D. of Wainwright ratepayers, and open publicly to all at a cost of \$20/participant. This includes all refreshments (coffee, tea, water, snacks) as well as a catered meal. Registration is required for these events. Contact Shelby at soracheski@mdwainwright.ca or by calling the M.D. of Wainwright office at 780-842-4454 for registrations and inquiries.

SPOTLIGHT Kay Ranae Macrame and Weavings

Only a few years ago, when most people heard the word 'macrame', it conjured up images of planter hangers and the ubiquitous owl hanging at your grandmas house. But this once fad has made a return and has become increasingly in demand through the 2020's. This craft has ebbed and flowed in popularity over centuries, and was in fact wildly popular even in Victorian times. A local talent who has delved into the craft is Kendra Hildebrand, of Kay Ranae Macrame and Weavings.



It began about four years ago when Kendra, a woman who appreciates making things for herself over buying them, decided to give weaving a try. She began with a cardboard loom and over time progressed to a large one built by her husband out of old piano parts. She loved the time spent at the loom, but found it hard on her body. A friend of hers had started a macrame business, which inspired Kendra to give it a try herself. She dived deep down the YouTube wormhole of tutorials and began practicing to make a large piece for her home. Macrame was not something that she was naturally gifted at but she put in the work to learn, and humbly states that it is a continuous process of relearning and dedication. Before she knew it she had more macrame pieces in her house than she knew what to do with. It was at this time that her friend suggested she start selling, so Kendra made the move to attend her first farmers market. She found the business side of things to be a steep learning curve as she had no previous experience in this area, but is gaining confidence with time. She has been a farmers market vendor primarily in the local Wainwright area but has sold pieces as far afield as Ontario.



Kendra has found her passion in macrame. Despite having four children and a busy schedule, Kendra has managed to make time for her craft. She believes that macrame has been therapeutic for her, having a positive impact on her mental health by providing her with an outlet for stress relief and creativity. She enjoys the interactions at the markets she attends and the appreciation that people have for the time investment and amount of work that goes into creating her pieces. She has a set repertoire of items that she has on hand for these events, but her favorite compositions are large wall hangings and custom/commission work. She loves scrolling through Pinterest for inspiration and watching a design unfold. Lately she has found she really enjoys integrating antlers and skulls into her projects, something she never expected to incorporate into her work.

When you speak to Kendra, it is immediately obvious that she is a kind and compassionate individual. It comes as no surprise then that she is not only using macrame as a side business, but also as a tool for the greater good. For the past two years she has taken it upon herself to participate with Dressember Canada, an organization dedicated to advocacy to help end human trafficking. Kendra has poured a huge amount of care into creating a special macrame piece annually that is raffled off through the month of December with all proceeds going towards this cause.

Looking to the future, the ultimate goal is to be able to go full time. Everyone dreams of doing what they love everyday and Kendra is no exception. She hopes to begin teaching macrame classes in the near future and to continue to expand her skill set. If you are looking for a beautiful custom macrame creation to accent your home, look no further than Kay Ranae Macrame and Weavings!

 Kay Ranae Macrame and Weavings



PRAIRIE STAPLES *Cattail Typha latifolia*

This easily recognizable semi-aquatic species can be found adorning marshes, ditches, sloughs and lakeshores across the globe. In fact, anywhere there is a water source, you will likely find cattails growing. They often form dense stands as they grow rapidly from a creeping rhizome, their flat spongy leaves rocketing up 1-2m in height; topped by their iconic 'corndog like' catkins. Cattails serve many important ecological functions from filtering water, to stabilizing banks, and providing habitat for wildlife. Many of us do not give these herbs much thought, which is surprising as cattails are one of the most versatile wild edible plants in North America. They were utilized historically in a wide variety of ways, and to this day many people put them to use. Several parts of the cattail are edible, from the tender leaf bases in the spring, to the rhizome (which is a low fat and equal protein substitute for rice, corn, or potatoes), to the female flowers, which are referred to as cattail corn on the cob.



PODCAST FAN?

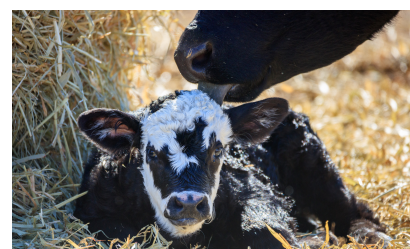
Prosperity Ag Out Loud is for anyone who loves agriculture and the people within the industry. Host Michelle Baker interviews influential and inspirational people involved in all facets of crop production. This show dives deep into topics within each guest's area of expertise and uncovers what has led to their success in the business. Listen wherever you get your podcasts!



Did you enjoy the **Original Grazing School for Women** workshop held in Wainwright last March? If so, save the date for this years edition being held in the M.D. of Bonnyville on March 17th. This event promotes sustainable agriculture, long-term livestock management strategies, environmental education, and networking with other women in agriculture. To find out more about the organization, view this years agenda and registration information, visit grazingschool4women.com

CALVING SEASON IS UPON US...

What did the mother cow say to her calf? It's pasture bedtime
Where do cows go to get their medicine? The farm-acy
Where do calves eat lunch? The calf-eteria
What do you call a cow after she has given birth? De-calf-einated
What does a calf use to do math? A cow-culator



FACTS ON FARMING IN ALBERTA

- As of 2021, there were 494 milk-producing farms in Alberta. (Alberta Milk)
- Alberta beef is world-famous because most is graded AA or higher, and our province's farmers take the extra steps to ensure quality. Alberta Beef Producers also set the standard globally for ethically raised and antibiotic-free beef. (Alberta Beef)
- As of 2019, Alberta was home to 41 per cent of Canada's cows. (Alberta Beef)
- Alberta has the highest average of head per cattle farm in Canada at 255 as of 2019. (Alberta Beef)
- In 2021, Alberta was home to more than 170 egg farming families who produce more than 65 million dozen eggs every year. (Egg Farmers of Alberta)
- As of 2016, there are 445 farms and ranches in Alberta with bison and over 54,000 across the province. (Canadian Bison Association)