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14th Annual Grazing School for Women Hosted at Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk, AB

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

On February 16 the M.D. of Wainwright hosted a Livestock Workshop for Ladies. This was a very successful event that had 20 ladies in attendance. Dr. Lacey Fowler gave a great presentation on calving that focused on calving stages, abnormal positions, post calving care and potential problems. Shannon Argent from Verified Beef Alberta gave an insightful presentation on the new sustainability program that is being launched by Verified Beef Canada. Finally Dr. Ian Giebelhaus talked on how important it is to the cattle industry to keep having your cattle tested for BSE. The M.D. also hosted a working well workshop on March 16. This was another successful even that had 14 people in attendance.

For the past 13 years, the Grazing School for Women has evolved into a fun way for Country Women (like yourself!) to get together to learn and discuss current ranching trends (environment, livestock, and beyond!) in the comfortable atmosphere of other rural ladies. This much anticipated event always has a different venue with a different speaker line-up. The 2015 GSFW was held at the St. Edouard Renewal Center in the County of St.Paul with farm tours in the neighbouring M.D. of Bonnyville. This year we are going to continue to showcase speakers that will inform, educate, and expand your knowledge about the livestock industry. On behalf of the committee, I would like to extend an invitation for the.....

14th Annual Grazing School for Women, June 14-15th! Circle Square Ranch, Halkirk, AB

For 2016 the Grazing School will again have a 2 day optional format. The choice is yours; you can pick the first day pasture tours, or the 2nd day classroom sessions with speakers, or both!! If you choose both days, there is a discount on registration fees, plus a whole lot more fun and excitement.

On the 14th there will be two farm tours. The first will showcase Natures Green Acres, where Danny along with his wife Shannon will talk about their marketing techniques for there organic pork and beef. They have also been living off the land for a year. Next we will travel to Sunrise Farms where Don will give a holistic presentation on how their farm is managed. Back at Circle Square Ranch there will be a delicious steak supper prepared for us followed by some fun activities.

On the 15th, the learning sessions will continue with livestock production insight such as: Managing Forages from the Ground Up- Karin Lindquist (*Forage Specialist*)
Farm Book Record Keeping- Abby Verstraete (*Rural Business Specialist*)
Livestock Handling- Dylan Biggs (*Producer*)
Sustainable Beef Program – Monica Hadarits (*Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef*)
Women in Agriculture – Sharon Mallon (*Retired Radio Broadcaster*)
Early bird registration deadline is May 13, 2016 and the final day for registration is May 27, 2016



Save the Date

June 14-15, 2016

The Original **Grazing School** for women

registration information

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Stopping the Spread of Invasive Species

A couple of weeks ago I attended the Professional Vegetation Management Society (PVMA) and Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) annual conferences. PVMA held very informative sessions on bee biology and behaviour as well as identifying disease and pests on trees. AISC focused on spreading awareness for the increasing pressure our province is facing from invasive species. Both terrestrial and aquatic species are threatening our ecosystems. We also heard how the threat of climate change is going to make it harder to combat these species. AISC along with the Alberta Government are running multiple campaigns to increase awareness amongst the public.



Play Clean Go is a campaign aimed at outdoor recreationists. Whether you are a trail user, camper or have an off-highway vehicle you can accidentally move invasive species from place to place.

- 1. Start Clean:** Before leaving home take a second to inspect and remove dirt, plants, bugs from clothing, boots, gear, pets and vehicles.
- 2. Stay On Designated Trails:** Not only does this save the surrounding environment but it limits contact with potential harmful species.
- 3. Leave Clean:** Before leaving inspect your equipment and remove any dirt, plants or bugs. Plant seeds can be stuck on you, your pets and equipment.



When you are out boating this summer make sure to stop in at one of the boat inspection sites around the province. Zebra/Quagga mussels are becoming a huge threat to Alberta water ways so be vigilant and do your part to stop the spread across Canada. Inspectors are only searching for mussels and if they are found your watercraft will receive a high pressure wash to stop the spread of these mussels. They have even started to utilize dogs that have been trained solely to detect mussels.

- 1. Clean:** Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer, and gear. Remove all plants, animals, mud at the access area of dock. Use a bleach solution to clean gear and pressure wash boat surface. Remember to clean away from storm drains and waterways.
- 2. Drain:** Drain all water before leaving the water body.
- 3. Dry:** Dry the watercraft and gear between trips and allow all wet areas on your boat to dry. Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.



You may be surprised to know that one of the biggest threat to biodiversity in Alberta waterways is Prussian Carp which is a species of wild goldfish. This fish along with other aquatic invasive species can be bought at the local pet store. The Alberta Government recently launched a campaign called " Don't Let it Loose" to target the illegal release of aquatic species. Never release aquatic or domestic pond water, plants, dead or live animals into water bodies. They have already found large numbers of Prussian Carp in the Bow, Rosebud, Red Deer, and South Saskatchewan rivers. Please do your part and dispose of aquarium species properly.

Wainwright Seed Cleaning Plant News



The Wainwright Seed Cleaning Plant is pleased to announce the new STORM portable seed treater!!

Modifications are being made to accommodate this new onsite computerized system. The system will be attached to a new 3000 bushel bin. They are on track to have it up and running by the middle of April. If you have any questions you can give Roger a call at 842-4017.



Roadside Mowing and No Spray Agreements

If anyone is interested in Landowner No-Spray Zone/Haying Option Agreements they must be submitted by May 1st, with roadside spray program commencing June 1st.



A copy of the application can be picked up at the M.D. office. Roadside Mowing will begin after July 15th, and will be completed by August 31st. Ensure that any roadside haying operations have begun before July 15th. Please contact the M.D. office at 780-842-4454 for any questions.

Ratepayers of the Municipal District of Wainwright are invited to attend an "Open House" at the M..D. Office in Wainwright on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 from 4:00-6:00p.m. Council and Staff will be in attendance to informally discuss the affairs of the M.D. of Wainwright. Refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you there!

Have you registered for Alberta's Open Farm Day?? If not, the registration deadline is May 31, 2016. This is a two day province wide event that gives Albertans an opportunity to understand where their food comes from. It's a back stage pass to meet the farmer, experience Ag-tourism in Alberta, and taste local food direct from the producer. The event is August 20-21, 2016. They are also looking for farmers or ranchers who would like to share their story and become a host. Please visit www.albertafarmdays.com.

Planting any trees this spring?? Make sure to call the M.D. to book the tree planter and mulch applicator. ITS

The M.D. of Wainwright invites you to attend....

Tree and Shelterbelt Info Session

Hosted by the Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society

Date: April 12, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Venue: Wainwright Communiplex
Hall 1

Refreshments Available

What you can expect:

- An overview of the common diseases and pest found in our municipality
- How the environment can affect trees
- Proper care of trees
- Maintaining your older shelterbelts

For more information or if you would like to register please contact Asst. Ag Fieldman Tanis Ponath at 780-842-4454

Please register by April 5, 2016



STRYCHNINE NOTICE

2016 FEDERAL REGISTRATION
of
2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE
(LSC)
(PCP#30433)



RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRREL CONTROL AVAILABLE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Farmers with a Farm fuel #, or farm license plates only. Product to be used only on land with economically significant Richardson Ground Squirrel populations.

Infestation levels must be:

- 1 RGS hole per four meters of walking, or if a producer has 20% damage in a 100m strip of crop or pasture land.

*Additional Conditions and Purchase Restrictions Also Apply
Cost of this product will be \$10.00/bottle or \$240.00/acre.*

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TUESDAYS BETWEEN 1:00 – 3:00PM Each Week
Start March 29, 2015 until June 28, 2016. Purchases after these dates can be made by appointment.
All sales dependent on product availability.

LSC will be distributed from the M.D. of Wainwright Rec. Shop
(North side of the building)
2010 – 15 Avenue N. Wainwright
(Located between United Rentals and Wainaita Motors)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WAINWRIGHT AT (780) 842-4454



Spring Clean-Up

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, 2016

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.



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

Visit the Town of Wainwright Website @www.wainwright.ca/municipal/recycling or pick up a brochure at the Town Office.

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

The M.D. of Wainwright is once again providing a Spring Clean—up Initiative in your area. Details and locations below. For more information please contact M.D. main office, 780-842-4454.

Hamlet of Greenshields (Public Works to pick up)

Pick up days will be Monday and Thursday each week. Schedule of May 2,5,9,12-2016. 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 Area & Hamlet of Fabyan (Bin Provided)

A garbage roll-off bin will be supplied, and placed at the Clear Lake main beach area and also at the East end of Fabyan, for one week period over the long weekend in May; from Wednesday, May 18 to Wednesday, May 25. 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 (Bin Provided)

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. This provides the opportunity to dispose of yard cleanup materials and household materials that are not hazardous.