

Tips for damaged gardens

A late-spring stretch of stormy weather may mean damaged trees and gardens for homeowners. Kansas State University horticulturist Ward Upham provided tips for pruning damaged trees and assessing and helping garden plants survive the weather.

Storm-Damaged Trees

"If a tree is damaged, you often will have to decide whether it can be saved or not," said Upham, who is the coordinator of K-State's Horticulture Rapid Response Center. He provided five tips for the care of storm-damaged trees.

1. Be safe. Check for downed power lines or hanging branches. Don't venture under the tree until it is safe. If large limbs are hanging precariously, a certified arborist has the tools, training and knowledge to do the work safely.

2. Cleanup. Remove debris so you don't trip over it.

3. Decide if it is feasible to save the tree. If the bark has been split so the cambium – the cell layer underneath the outer and inner bark – is exposed or the main trunk is split, the tree probably will not survive and should be removed.

The cambium is the growing part of the tree trunk. If so many limbs are broken that the tree's form is destroyed, replacement is the best option.

Topping, where all the main branches are cut, leaving only stubs, is not a recommended pruning procedure. Though new branches will normally arise from the stubs, they will not be as firmly attached as the original branches and are more likely to break in subsequent storms. Also, the tree must use a lot of energy to develop new

branches, leaving less to fight off diseases and insect attacks. Often, the topped tree's life is shortened.

4. Prune broken branches to the next larger branch or to the trunk. If cutting back to the trunk, do not cut flush with the trunk but rather at the collar area between the branch and the trunk. Cutting flush with the trunk leaves a much larger wound than cutting at the collar and takes longer to heal.

Middle-aged or younger vigorous trees can have up to one-third of the crown removed and still make a surprisingly swift comeback.

5. Take large limbs off in stages. If you try to take off a large limb in one cut, it will often break before the cut is finished and strip bark from the tree.

Instead, first make a cut about 15 inches from the trunk. Start from the bottom and cut one-third of the way up through the limb. Make the second cut from the top down but start 2 inches further away from the trunk than the first.

The branch will break away as you make the second cut. The third cut, made at the collar area, removes the stub that is left.

"Pruning can be dangerous," Upham said. "Consider hiring a trained arborist to do major work such as this."

He noted that a good arborist knows how to prune trees so that storm breakage is less likely to occur. Preventing damage is better than trying to fix it once it has happened, he said, noting that the Arbor Day Foundation maintains a website www.arborday.org/media/stormindex.cfm with detailed information.

Storm-Damaged Gardens

High winds, excessive rainfall

and hail can wreak havoc in any garden. Upham provided tips to assess damage and help fragile plants recover.

Heavy rain: The force of rainfall pounding the soil can result in a thick crust that prevents seed emergence and partially blocks oxygen from reaching roots. A light scraping after the soil surface has dried is all that is needed to correct these problems. Be careful of deep tilling as it may damage young, tender roots.

Standing water: Standing water cuts off oxygen to the roots, which can result in plant damage if it doesn't drain quickly enough. Most plants can handle 24 hours of standing water without harm. Hot, sunny weather can make a bad situation worse if the water becomes hot enough to 'cook' the plants. In this case, there isn't much that can be done unless a channel is cut to allow the water to drain.

Hail damage: Plants should recover quickly as long as the leaves only were damaged by the hail as leaves regenerate quickly. The situation becomes more serious if the stems and fruit were damaged. Plants can recover from a few bruises but if it looks like they were mowed down by a weed whip, it's time to replant with new ones.

Leaning plants: Either wind or water can cause plants to lean. They should start to straighten after a few days. Don't try to bend them back as they often break easily.

More information about growing and maintaining landscapes is available on the K-State Research and Extension horticulture website: www.ksre.ksu.edu.

Learning to be a 'Mad Scientist'



The Norton Public Library does fun things every week for our area youth and last week the visitors were treated to a "Mad Scientist". Mary Boller from the Northwest Kansas Library Systems presented three demonstrations turning liquid to solid, socks and water bottles into bubble makers and a two liter bottle of soda into a foaming geyser. Jaxson Kachel is seen here dropping Mentos into some pop for a big surprise.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Roeder family reunion was held

The bi-annual Roeder Family reunion was held on Sunday, May 25, at the Almena Community Center, Almena. Table decorations were in the shape of a tree hung with leaves on which were photos of many Roeder family members.

A potluck meal was held, followed by a brief business meeting where the officers for the next reunion were elected. They are Co-Presidents: Mary Ellen Roeder and Becky Saddler; Secretary Treasurer: Ardie Grimes. A list was read of all the births, marriages and deaths since the last reunion. Members brought photo albums to share. One of the highlights of the photos displayed was seeing for the first time the homestead photo of John and Wilhelmina Roeder

Birkholz. Four lucky people went home with ceramic trivets embossed with either the 1900 or 1917 plat map of the Roeder homesteads in Grant township.

30 cousins attended the reunion: Carolyn and Betty Bivens, Norton; Ed and Rosie Bernard, Wellington; Charlotte Keiswetter and Laura Wharton, Great Bend; LeRoy and Mary Ellen Roeder, Prairie View; Lola and Bob Abram, Jewell; Shaun, Tiffany, Grayson and Clayton Becker, Logan; Roseann Mendenhall, New Raymer, Colo.; Mackenzie Holloway, Briggsdale, Colo.; David, Twila, LeeAnn and Alan Wilson, Ellis; Damaris Cooksey, Roggen, Colo.; Aaron Bivens, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Gene Wilson, Hess-ton; Shauna Saddler, Oklahoma

City, Okla.; Noah Hoffman, John and Becky Saddler, Arapahoe, Neb.; and Greg and Ardie Grimes, Baldwin City. Each of the four children of Frederick and Christina Hein Roeder were each represented at the reunion: descendants of John and Wilhelmina Roeder Birkholz; of William Roeder and Augusta Voss; of August and Anna Bach Roeder and of Herman and Frieda Algier Roeder were present.

The next Roeder reunion will be May 29, 2016 at the Almena Community Center. Please contact Ardie Grimes for additional information. mad_genealogist@yahoo.com 785-893-2041 or on Facebook as Ardie Bernard Grimes.

Changes to planting rules announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency has announced fruit, vegetable and wild rice provisions that affect producers who intend to participate in certain programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014.

"Similar to previous programs that we've administered, planting fruits, vegetables or wild rice on base acres on a farm can result in a payment reduction for program participants," said Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director for the Kansas Farm Service Agency.

Producers who intend to participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs are subject to an acre-for-acre payment reduction when fruits and nuts, vegetables or wild rice are planted on the payment acres of a farm. Pay-

ment reductions do not apply to mung beans, dry peas, lentils or chickpeas. Planting fruits, vegetables or wild rice on acres that are not considered payment acres will not result in a payment reduction. Farms that are eligible to participate in the Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs but are not enrolled for a particular year may plant unlimited fruits, vegetables and wild rice for that year but will not receive the Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs payments for that year. Eligibility for succeeding years is not affected.

Planting and harvesting fruits, vegetables and wild rice on the Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs acreage is subject to the acre-for-acre payment reduction

when those crops are planted on either more than 15 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in Agriculture Risk Coverage using the county coverage or Price Loss Coverage, or more than 35 percent of the base acres of a farm enrolled in Agriculture Risk Coverage using the individual coverage.

Fruits, vegetables and wild rice that are planted in a double-cropping practice will not cause a payment reduction if the farm is in a double-cropping region as designated by the Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation.

For additional information on fruit, vegetable and wild rice rules, visit www.fsa.usda.gov or contact your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center.

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

May 29

May 18-Aaron S. Addington, Oberlin; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine \$141.
May 19-Jeffrey Kent Black, St. Joseph, Mo.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 19-William Edward Blackburn III, Wilsonville, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 66 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

May 3-Isaac Coffman, Calera, Okla.; Charge: Speeding 85 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$201.

Feb. 23-Kelsie P. Griffith, Clayton; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 19-Myron L. Hinrikus, Prosser, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 76 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$210.

Feb. 23-Jerry F. Jacobs, Palco, Kan.; Charge: Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$246.

May 21-Felipe Mendoza Jr., Casper, Wyo.; Charge: Con-

necting and safety equipment of towing vehicles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

April 21-Aimee Jo Pharo, Kensington, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

April 27-Ed Arlie Russell, Denver, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 20-Donald A. Voges, Lincoln, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 69 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

April 22-Dennis L. Walker, Clayton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 27-Nash James Worden, Elsinore, Utah; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

April 18-David A. Black, Norton; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, took protected migration bird; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$246.

May 24-Brian K. Brooks, Parker, Colo.; Charge: Boating, operate vessel not equipped as required by law, No Type IV personal flotation device; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

May 17-Ray Bryant, North Platte, Neb.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, short Saugeye, 18 in length limit; Found: Guilty;

Fine: \$146.

May 3-Daniel A. Burnham, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, took illegal length saugeye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

May 10-Sokunthea Chorn, North Glenn, Colo.; Charge: Taking or dealing wildlife, Took illegal length saugeye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.



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Lenora Jubilee seeks parade entrants

Calling out to all interested parade entrants! The Lenora Jubilee parade will commence on Main Street, Lenora, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 21. The theme for this year's Lenora Jubilee is "Party on the Plains."

Anyone interested in having a parade entry can log on to: www.lenorajubilee.com and submit your entry information. Entries are also accepted at the parade.

Also, be sure to check out this year's exciting line up of great country talent and fun events. Our Friday night concerts will feature Eric Paslay! All information is available on the website.

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