

Timing is important in crabgrass prevention

Crabgrass preventers are pre-emergence herbicides. When applied properly, they prevent crabgrass seeds from developing into mature plants.

How do these preventers work? The product has to be in place when the target starts to germinate. The young plant takes up some of the herbicide and is killed. Crabgrass preventers are just that — preventers.

With few exceptions, they will have no effect on existing crabgrass plants. Therefore, treatment has to be applied before crabgrass germinates. Additionally, these chemicals don't last forever once applied to the soil.

Microorganisms and natural processes begin to break them down soon after they are applied. Therefore, if some products are applied too early, they may lose much of their strength by the time they are needed. Most crabgrass preventers are fairly ineffective after about 60 days, although there is considerable variation. (Dimension and Barricade last longer. See below.)

Application time for our area is usually mid-to-late April. Because weather varies from one spring to the next, so does crabgrass germination. Watching the blooming of



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ornamental plants seems to be a good indicator of when to apply the preventer.

The Eastern redbud tree is a good choice for this purpose. When the trees are approaching full bloom, apply crabgrass preventer. A followup application will be needed about eight weeks later unless you are using Dimension or Barricade.

Dimension and Barricade are the only two products that will give season-long control of crabgrass. In fact, they can be applied much earlier than April 15 and still will have sufficient residual strength to last the season.

Barricade can even be applied in the fall for crabgrass control the next season. Dimension can be applied as early as March 1. Because of the added flexibility, these products are favorites of lawn care companies who have many customers to service in the spring.

Though Dimension cannot be applied as early as Barricade, it

is the herbicide of choice if you must apply later than recommended. It is the exception to the rule that pre-emergence herbicides do not kill existing weeds. Dimension can kill crabgrass as long as it is young (two- to three-leaf stage). Dimension is also the best choice if treating a lawn that was planted late the previous fall.

Normally, we recommend not using a pre-emergence herbicide before the lawn has been mowed two to four times. However, Dimension is kind to young tall fescue, perennial ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass seedlings and can be applied as early as two weeks after the first sign of germination.

Therefore, lawns established in the fall can be safely treated with Dimension the following spring even if they have not been mowed. Note that products with Dimension and Barricade may use the common name rather than the trade name. The common chemical name for Dimension is dithiopyr and for Barricade is prodiamine.

Remember, when using any pesticide, read the label and follow instructions.

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District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

Dec. 1: Jamie C. Radford, 20, Longmont, Colo., \$165 for speeding, 91/70.

Dec. 21: Justin L. Roach, 27, Osage, Okla., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Dec. 23: Esther N. Machado, 29, Smithfield, Utah, \$138 for speeding, 87/70.

Jan. 1: Quintin L. Perry, 42, Garden City, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Jan. 8: Gregory S. Roy, 38, Rogersville, Mo., \$132 for improper parking.

Brandon J. Schwindt, 29, Utica, \$126 for unlawful acts with vehicles, expired registration.

Brandon MR Taylor, 20, Denver, \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Kelvin E. Williams, 51, Dothan, Ala., \$216 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, false log, and \$150 for motor carrier safety rules, CDL disqualified.

Jan. 10: Carlton L. Waltrip II, 52, Williamsburg, Va., \$126 for improper parking.

Terry M. Wendell, 61, Colby, \$120 for speeding, 79/65.

Ty E. Williams, 21, Argyle, Texas, \$138 for improper parking.

Jan. 12: Richard Tran, 41, North Hollywood, Calif., \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

Jan. 13: Joshua A. Mitchell, 33, Colorado Springs, \$156 for speeding, 90/70.

Scott A. Page, 36, Rogers, Ark., \$156 for improper parking.

David Quintana, 45, Thornton, Colo., \$210 for speeding, 91/65.

Jan. 15: Howard L. Redden, 39, Chester, Pa., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Megan N. Ruggieri, 18, Parker, Colo., \$306 for speeding, 104/70.

Jan. 18: Darrell G. Roths, 59, Arapahoe, Colo., \$132 for improper parking and \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

Jason M. Scroggins, 37, Sylacauga, Ala., \$126 for speeding.

Tamra R. Sheats, 19, Goodland, \$132 for speeding, 71/55.

Jan. 19: Karla Whitmore, 49, Burlington, \$201 for speeding, 80/55.

Jan. 20: Roderick D. Moore, 37, Denver, \$132 for speeding.

Jan. 25: Rickey L. Solomon, 46, Nashville, Tenn., \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, false log.

Jan. 28: Brandon T. Love, 27, Salem, Ark., \$120 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Jan. 29: Sonja M. Rector, 20, Independence, Mo., \$150 for improper parking.

William O. Wallace, 75, Colorado Springs, \$156 for speeding, 90/70.

Jan. 30: Alonzo Rice, 54, Goodlettsville, Tenn., \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not having seven days log, and \$100 for motor carrier safety rules, no medical card.

Ralph T. Teeter, 65, Haxtun, Colo., \$96 for speeding, 75/65.

Jan. 31: Jose B. Renteria, 46,

Goodland, \$170 for speeding, 77/55.

Dean L. Saffer, 63, Arriba, Colo., \$108 for speeding, 77/60.

Feb. 1: Eldon R. Vohs, 50, Concordia, \$144 for speeding, 73/55.

Paula A. Walker, 47, Fort Morgan, Colo., \$156 for speeding, 75/55.

Feb. 2: David B. McKay, 44, St. Charles, Mo., \$138 for speeding, 87/70.

George V. Petrarca, 63, Coventry, R.I., \$132 for speeding, 86/70.

Teddy C. Torres, 65, Colorado Springs, \$144 for improper parking.

Feb. 4: Carl G. Smith, 53, Rising Fawn, Ga., \$216 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, false log.

Feb. 6: Daniel T. Soetaert, 33, Roeland, \$126 for speeding, 85/70.

Feb. 7: Kent D. Maxson, 50, McKinney, Texas, \$150 for speeding, 89/70.

Ronald L. Weisshaar, 60, Burlington, \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

Feb. 9: Richard K. Moore, 35, Tyler, Texas, \$166 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, over 70 hour rule.

Feb. 11: Lyn J. Morgan, 61, Avon, Colo., \$102 for improper parking.

Feb. 13: Benjamin E. Nagenast, 21, Anderson, Ind., \$126 for improper parking.

Andy S. Scabavea, 75, Littleton, Colo., \$120 for speeding, 84/70.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Shad D. Sheldon and Penny S. Sheldon convey and warrant to Jon

D. Sheldon and Connie M. Sheldon Lots 1 and 2 and the N22' of Lot 3, Block 19, Rule's First Addition to Kanorado.

Randy Bellamy and Susan Bellamy quit claim to J&L Bellamy Ltd. the SW/4 of Sec. 7, T8S, R41W, and the NE/4 of Sec. 28, T10S, R39W.

Cody McDaniel, Jon Pope and Ken Eland, trustees of the Ginger McDaniel Trust, to the Ginger McDaniel Trust the SW/4 of Sec. 30, T7S, R37W.

L. J. Owens and Sondra Owens convey and warrant to the Ginger McDaniel Turst the SW/4 of Sec. 30, T7S, R37W.

Sondra Owens, executor of the estate of J.R. McDaniel, to the Ginger McDaniel Trust the SE/4 of Sec. 30, T7S, R37W.

Ginger McDaniel, Jon Pope and Ken Eland, trustees of the Ginger McDaniel Trust, to the Cody McDaniel Trust the SW/4 of Sec. 19, T7S, R37W; the NE/4 of Sec. 30, T7S, R37W; and the SE/4 of Sec. 25, T7S, R38W.

L.J. Owens and Sondra Owens, convey and warrant to the Cody McDaniel Trust the SW/4 of Sec. 19, T7S, R37W; the NE/4 of Sec. 30, T7S, R37W; and the SE/4 of Sec. 25, T7S, R38W.

Sondra Owens, executor of the estate of J.R. McDaniel, to the Cody McDaniel Trust the SE/4 of Sec. 19, T7S, R37W; the NW/4 of Sec. 30, T7S, R37W; and the NE/4 of Sec. 25, T7S, R38W.

Elaine Freiburger and Roy Freiburger convey and warrant to L.J. Owens and Sondra Owens the NE/4 of Sec. 13, T9S, R38W.

Group to take audience back in history at Oberlin's Gateway

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor the Free Staters at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Saturday at The Gateway in Oberlin.

This program replaces the University of Kansas Dancers, who canceled a scheduled performance.

The Free Staters take their name from the tough and determined anti-slavery folk who settled the Kansas Territory beginning in 1854. As the territory became a battleground between those for and opposed to slavery, lines were drawn and sides were formed into "Pro-slavery" and "Free State" or "Free Soil" factions.

In every performance, the Free Staters strive to take their audience back in the nation's history to a time when life was far less complex.

It was an era when families spent time gathered around the piano singing popular songs. Neighbors sat on their front porches tapping their feet and clapping their hands to the sounds of a fiddle, banjo and bones. The Free Staters combine fiddle, early fretless banjo, parlor guitar, and buffalo bones to recreate the music you would have heard coming from an American front porch.

The Free Staters, who dress in period clothing, include Betsey Goering, who began playing the fiddle and began at age 3. Her violin was made at the turn of the 20th century. She was classically trained for 14 years and has since learned to fiddle and play minstrel tunes because of her love of 19th century music.

Also playing is her husband,

Jonathon Goering, on guitar and minstrel five-string banjo and vocals. He plays the banjo in the "stroke style," a method crucial in recreating the sound of early to mid 19th-century music. His banjo was made by James Hartel of New York, complete with calf-skin head and cat gut strings. He plays a Ventura classical guitar with nylon strings. He and Betsey live in Wichita.

The couple play fast-paced, fun, popular music from 1850s America, including tunes by such composers as Stephen Foster. Songs like "Old Dan Tucker" and "O Susanna" were also popular.

This is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults or \$5 for students grades 1-12. For information, call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

Historical society is starting on new volume of history

The Sherman County Historical Society is starting on a new family history book and would like your story or the story someone you know who lived in Sherman County.

Contributors should include a black-and-white-picture (200 dpi for digital scans) to go with your history and contact information, including phone number. The deadline is Sunday, June 1.

Include your and your spouse's complete names, including maiden

name, birthdates, where born, when and where married, the same for you and your spouse's parents, grandparents and great grandparents, and the same information for your children and their spouses and children.

A story might include when and where your family settled or where you came from to the county, occupations and years, schools attended and years, churches attended, activities and organization involved in

and the years, military records and other interesting information.

Any stories will be edited.

Mail them to the society at Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735, leave them at the Ennis-Handy House, 202 W. 13th, during open hours or email to gghouse@st-tel.net.

club news

Sunflower 4-H

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held at the United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The meeting was called to order by President Dusti Chadwick. After the flag salute and 4-H pledge; roll call of "Favorite school activity" was answered by 15 members, nine 9 parents and one leader.

Michael Pettibone led the group in singing "Take me out to the ballgame."

The business meeting followed with the reports of officers and leader. Communication was read by secretary Kendra Promise. Our

club will be doing radio talks this month.

Dusti Chadwick demonstrated how to make tortilla chip salad for the program.

Sarah Johnson led the group in playing "Pin the frog on the lily pad" for recreation.

The Fitzgibbons and Johnson families served refreshments.

Our next meeting will be the model meeting on Monday, March 17 at 6:15 p.m. at the 4-H building.

The meeting was adjourned by saying the club motto.

Submitted by Jessica Johnson, reporter

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for March 25 to March 31

Monday to Friday: Spring break and Easter.



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 - Algeria's 2nd largest city
 - Natl. Information Svcs. Corp.
 - ___ the night before Christmas
 - Harmonized in color
 - The 25th President
 - Kipling's "The Road to Mandalay"
 - Very fast airplane
 - A vast desert in N Africa
 - Not dead
 - Crook (Yiddish)
 - A feeling of anxiety
 - Koran chapters
 - C C C
 - 7 Year Itch actor Tom
 - Pear variety
 - A large wilderness area
 - Wimbledon champion Arthur
 - Devastation
 - Billfish
 - Unauthorized disclosure of information
 - Affirmative votes
 - Snarl (Scottish)
 - Children's author Blyton
 - Flat tableland with steep edges
 - Lake ___, one of the Greats
 - Young sheep
 - Coach Parsegian
 - Most bald
 - Receipt (abbr.)
 - Rulers
 - Ethyl acetate
 - A shape that spreads outward
 - Fellatas
 - Group of near-earth asteroids
 - 73717
 - Plural of 57 down
 - A horizontal bar of wood
 - Approves food
 - Cat sound
 - Conger or moray

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