



SINGING VALENTINES - Chauntell Peter (left to right) Caitlin Northrup, Kaleb Zwick and Christina Schoenrogge, members of the high school vocal class, delivered valentines to the Herald office.

Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 51 at Sunday school. Cindy Stroh gave the special number and Tate Towns gave his birthday offering.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Judy Shively on Wednesday. The next meeting will be a potluck on Feb. 17.

Judy Shively, Crystal Zion and Beulah Soehner went out for lunch Friday and then to quilt at Crystals.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons

were in Denver last Tuesday to attend the concert of Laura Perila. They were overnight guests of the Randy Perila family.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Crouse and girls of Colorado Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cutforth were Saturday luncheon guests of Gwen Shaver.

Nola Mangus and Harold Pickard of Burlington visited Gwen Shaver Wednesday afternoon.

Phil Heath and Glen Chapman

watched the ball game Sunday with Harry Ekberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Jean Brenner enjoyed lunch in Idalia Sunday.

Bill and Darlene Strangways visited Nettie May Welton Saturday afternoon.

Jean and Russell Moore visited Bessie Dent Saturday morning.

John and Karen Willard and Jacque Ekberg attended the 50th anniversary party of Keith and Sharon Jones Sunday, hosted by Kris Jones and family and his sister.

Saturday Rowe and Judy Shively went out to lunch with Carole Whomble and Judy watched the game Sunday with her.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons had lunch with Laura Pearl Wall.

Jacque Ekberg visited Nelson Ekberg Tuesday in Holyoke.

Elaine Crider and Betty Rogers visited Wednesday morning with Bessie Dent.

Winter is here Are you ready?



Learn safety rules to follow in case you become stranded in your car.

- Stay with your car unless safety is no more than 100 yards away, but continue to move arms and legs.
- Stay visible by putting bright cloth on the antenna, turning on the inside overhead light (when

engine is running), and raising the hood when snow stops falling.

- Run the engine and heater only 10 minutes every hour.
- Keep a downwind window open.
- Make sure the tailpipe is not blocked.

Visit www.kdheks.gov for more winter weather tips.

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Control of Kochia in Corn

By Jeanne Falk



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Controlling kochia in corn should always begin by controlling any plants that have emerged early, before the corn is planted. This can either be done with tillage or with a burn-down treatment using both glyphosate and dicamba. According to Curt Thompson, K-State Weed Scientist, producers should not plant corn into a seedbed with actively growing kochia.

To control kochia through the season, producers can choose to try a one-pass program or use a two-pass program.

One-pass programs in general have lower costs, but higher risks of failure, than two-pass programs. That said, one-pass preemergence programs have a lower risk of failure than one-pass postemergence programs. That's because if a preemergence treatment fails, it can be backed up with a postemergence treatment. If a one-time postemergence application either fails or can't be made on time and weeds continue growing, the result is often a train wreck.

If the kochia is susceptible to triazine herbicides, then any of the acetamide-atrazine herbicide combinations applied preemergence can potentially give good control of kochia for up to a month after application. Examples include Bicep II Magnum, Cinch ATZ, Guardsman Max, Propel ATZ, Bullet, Harness Xtra, Keystone, Volley ATZ, FullTime, and several generic versions. These products can run out before the kochia stop emerging during the summer under irrigation or high rainfall conditions. They all require moisture for activation, and will not give good control

if they are not activated.

If the kochia is resistant to triazine herbicides, kochia will emerge through the previously discussed products thus producers can use Balance Flexx or Corvus either preemergence or up through the 2-leaf stage of corn. These products can do an excellent job of controlling kochia throughout the season if they are tankmixed with at least 1 pound per acre of atrazine. These products also require moisture for soil activation, but do have foliar activity.

Lumax and Lexar, which are premixes of Callisto, Dual II Magnum, and atrazine, will do an excellent job of controlling kochia preemergence. They can be used as a one-pass program if the corn was planted into weed-free ground. They are best applied preemergence; however, they can also be applied postemergence up to 12-inch corn. For adequate grass control, these products must be applied preemergence to the grass. Lexar contains twice as much atrazine as Lumax. In western areas, or on lighter-textured soils, producers will normally want to use Lumax because of its lower atrazine content. In central and eastern Kansas, or on heavy-textured soils, producers may want to use Lexar to get more atrazine applied, and longer residual control.

Where Roundup Ready corn is used, producers can also get excellent one-pass kochia control by using an early postemergence application of Halex GT + atrazine. Halex GT is a premix consisting of a high rate of glyphosate, Dual II Magnum, and Callisto. Atrazine should

be added to this product to get the best season-long control of kochia. Glyphosate + Status can also be effective on kochia, although this combination will not provide much residual control and often a second herbicide application is required to control later-emerged weeds.

Producers will usually get more consistent full-season control of kochia by planning to use a two-pass program. This would start with a clean seedbed by using tillage or a good burn-down application followed by a preemergence application of an acetamide-atrazine product (as described above). If triazine-resistant kochia is present, then Balance Flexx, Corvus, Lumax, or Lexar should be used as the preemergence herbicide. A low-cost preemergence option in a two-pass system is Prequel, which is a premix of Resolve and Balance, which must be applied preemergence to corn.

For the postemergence application, producers can use Laudis, Callisto, Impact, Capreno, glyphosate (on Roundup Ready hybrids, and only if the kochia is susceptible to glyphosate), or Ignite (on Liberty Link hybrids).

Note: Balance Flexx, Corvus, and Prequel cannot be applied in certain counties. The herbicides can not be used if the water table (i.e., level of saturation) is less than 25 feet below the ground surface, do not use on loamy sand or sand surface soil and subsoils with an average organic matter (in the upper 12 inches) of less than 2 percent by weight. Always consult the labels for details.



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