

Attention gives boost to flowers' potential

Sid dressing Annual Flowers

Modern annual flowers have been bred to flower early and over a long period of time. Though high nitrogen levels can throw vegetables off flowering, this is not so true with flowers. As a matter of fact, providing nitrogen through the growing season (sid dressing) can help maintain an effective flower display for warm-season flowers.

Apply a high nitrogen sid dressing four to six weeks after flowers have been set out. Additional fertilizations every four to six weeks can be helpful during a rainy summer, or if flower beds are irrigated. Common sources of nitrogen-only fertilizers include nitrate of soda, urea, and ammonium sulfate. Blood meal is an organic fertilizer that contains primarily, but not exclusively, nitrogen. Use only one of the listed fertilizers and apply at the rate given below.

Nitrate of soda (16-0-0): Apply 2/3 pound (1.5 cups) fertilizer per 100 square feet.

Blood Meal (12-1.5-.6): Apply 14 ounces (1.75 cups) fertilizer per 100 square feet.

Urea (46-0-0): Apply 4 ounces (1/2 cup) fertilizer per 100 square feet.

Ammonium Sulfate (21-0-0): Apply 0.5 pounds (1 cup) fertilizer per 100 square feet.

If you cannot find the above materials, you can use a lawn fertilizer that is about 30 percent nitrogen (nitrogen is the first number in the set of three) and apply it at the rate of 1/3 pound (3/4 cup) per 100 square feet. Do not use a fertilizer that contains a weed killer or weed preventer.

Deadheading Flowers

Some plants will bloom more profusely if the old, spent flowers are removed, a process called deadheading.

Annuals, especially, focus their energy on seed



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production to ensure that the species survives. If you remove old flowers, the energy normally used to produce seed is now available to produce more flowers.

Perennials can also benefit by lengthening the blooming season. However, some gardeners enjoy the look of spent flowers of perennials such as sedum or purple coneflower. Also, the seed produced can be a good food source for birds.

Not all plants need to be deadheaded, including sedum Autumn Joy, melampodium, impatiens, most flowering vines, Lythrum, periwinkle (Catharanthus), and wishbone flower (Torenia).

Those that do increase bloom in response to deadheading include hardy geraniums, coreopsis, petunias, marigolds, snapdragons, begonias, roses, campanulas, blanket flowers, delphiniums, zinnias, sweet peas, salvia, scabiosa, annual heliotrope, geraniums (Pelargonium), and yarrow.

Deadheading is easily accomplished by removing spent flowers. With some plants, pinching between a thumb and finger can do this, but tough, wiry stems will require a scissors or pruning shears.

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Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Bonnie Leigh Petersen, 46, Brewster, May 10, probation violation, Thomas County Sheriff's Office/Court Services of Thomas County, released Thursday with probation continued.

- Nathaniel Rofs Heatley, 28, Rexford, May 18, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia (10 counts), endangering a child, conspiracy, no drug tax stamp, Thomas County Sheriff, released last Wednesday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Paul Martin-Richard Tech, 24, Colby, May 24, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a hallucinogenic drug with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of school property, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, Thomas County Sheriff, released last Wednesday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

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- Charlene Lynn West, 41, Colby, Jay 24, possession of a narcotic drug with intent to sell, conspiracy, sale/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of a narcotic drug with intent to sell within 1,000 feet, using communication facility to arrange sales or purchase, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police Department, released Thursday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Kendal Leroy Morris, 36, Colby, June 4, battery, disorderly conduct, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Blake James Schottenloher, 26, Colby, June 7, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, Thomas County Sheriff, released Thursday on \$100,000 appearance bond.

- Daniel Joseph Diaz, 28, Herndon, Va., Thursday, possession of

certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released same day to other agency.

- Terry Michael Wendell, 64, Colby, Thursday, battery, criminal threat, Thomas County Sheriff, released Friday on \$10,000 bond.

- Lukas Allen Wessels, 33, Lincoln, Neb., Thursday, failure to appear, Highway Patrol, released Friday on bond.

- Boone James Huff, 21, Colby, Friday, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Janell Elizabeth Racette, 21, Colby, Friday, driving under the influence, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Terrance Joseph Gerschwenter, 44, Colby, Sunday, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

Emergency grazing approved in 34 counties for Conservation Reserve Program acreage

Emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage has been approved for Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, and Wichita counties, it was announced Tuesday. A total of 34 counties have now been approved for the emergency program in the southwest section of the state.

They include Barber, Barton, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Graham, Grant, Gray, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kiowa, Lane, Meade, Morton, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno,

Rice, Scott, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, and Trego counties which were previously approved.

Emergency grazing is allowed through Sept. 30 in the affected counties.

Participants need to contact local Farm Service offices to request emergency grazing first, and work with the service to develop a forage management plan. They must also accept a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually grazed.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Friday

6:15 a.m. – Five house checks OK.

7:06 a.m. – Caller reported numerous vehicles driving in alley behind Smith Dr. Not found.

7:34 a.m. – Walk-through at Walmart.

10:02 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Unable to catch.

12:09 p.m. – Caller reported dog from earlier caught. Dog taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

3:26 p.m. – Identity theft: caller lost her ID cards out of wallet. Report filed.

7:43 p.m. – Report of subject driving recklessly near the Ag-Tech building at the college, last seen westbound in the 600 block of W. College Drive. Not found.

9:56 p.m. – Manager called about male subject being disorderly towards her. Report filed.

10:43 p.m. – Caller heard six gun shots; he thought in area of Fike Park. Not found.

Saturday

12:35 a.m. – Report of loud music in the 100 block E. Hill. Not found.

6:08 a.m. – Assisted subjects looking for spider in vehicle at

Motel 6.

6:09 a.m. – House checks OK.

10:26 a.m. – Welfare check. Not found.

12:27 p.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.

12:27 p.m. – Accident in parking lot at 115 W. Willow.

1:58 p.m. – Dog at large caught. Dog had been turned over to owner when officer arrived.

3:37 p.m. – Wallet lost.

5:40 p.m. – Welfare check OK.

9:05 p.m. – Subject found dog at Fike Park. Dog turned over to Animal Clinic.

9:58 p.m. – Disorderly conduct: caller said intoxicated subject refused to leave. Spoke with reporting party. Subject left, unable to locate.

9:58 p.m. – Report filed for theft on Friday.

10:39 p.m. – Security check at B-Hive.

11 p.m. – Security check at American Legion.

11:04 p.m. – Security check at Phillips Park.

11:07 p.m. – Report filed for arrest and detain order for Court Services.

11:13 p.m. – Battery on law enforcement officer: report filed

on calls at 9:58 (theft) and 11:07 p.m.

Sunday

12:39 a.m. – Vehicle at Tubbs and Sons with lights on. Unable to shut off.

12:47 a.m. – Barking dog in the 500 block of S. Garfield. Unable to locate.

4:16 a.m. – Security check at Oasis.

5:57 a.m. – Security checks to residences.

11:06 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large and window at residence appears to be broken. Spoke with owner, everything OK.

1:30 p.m. – Assisted sheriff's office.

1:49 p.m. – Logan County requested Colby Police to make contact with subject about juvenile complaint. Unable to contact.

2:10 p.m. – Suspicious incident: caller advised of several subjects trying to leave with subject's belongings. Report filed for domestic battery.

3:03 p.m. – Subject came to station about dog at large caught. Turned over to animal clinic.

5:20 p.m. – Civil stand-by.

5:36 p.m. – All OK with semi parked with flashers on in the

1000 block E. Willow.

8:41 p.m. – Assisted fire department.

9:36 p.m. – Criminal damage to property. Report filed.

10:49 p.m. – complaint about loud music coming from a vehicle at Fike Park. Spoke with subject in vehicle.

Monday

4:53 a.m. – 911 call requesting help. Ambulance crew paged.

7:37 a.m. – Caller reported damage on vehicle. Officer advised three vehicles damaged in the area; report filed.

9:21 a.m. – Vehicle parked by fire hydrant at Thompson and Ninth. Contacted owner to move it.

2:04 p.m. – Manager reported abandoned vehicle at 1150 S. Franklin. Spoke to reporting party; will wait until tomorrow.

2:29 p.m. – Criminal damage to property report file on vehicle damage.

3:26 p.m. – Theft: report filed.

4:14 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle blocking alleyway. Not found.

4:48 p.m. – Arrest warrant served.

11:36 p.m. – Deputy requested

assistance with vehicle stop at mile 54 eastbound on ramp of I-70.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Thursday

1:55 a.m. – Provided security check at Frontier Ag in Menlo.

7:15 a.m. – Caller reported two calves out on K-25 between County Rds. E and F. Contacted owner.

10:11 a.m. – National Crime Information Center hit from Jefferson County, Colo., subject in custody.

10:40 a.m. – Removed tree limbs from road at First St. Annex and Fourth St. Landfill contacted.

12:20 p.m. – Battery/criminal threat: caller reported he'd been hit.

3:45 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol on traffic stop for drugs at eastbound I-70 mile 48.

8:25 p.m. – Assisted fire department and ambulance crew on house fire.

8:29 p.m. – Caller reported concern over welfare of barking dogs. Spoke to subjects, all OK.

10:31 p.m. – Caller advised car and bicycle in ditch, tent pitched.

Friday

9:24 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew.

10:51 a.m. – Spoke to deputy from Red Willow County, Neb., about runaway.

1:35 p.m. – Brought two inmates from Ray County, Mo., Sheriff's Office to Law Enforcement Center.

4:21 p.m. – Caller reported neighbor she owed money to said he was going to tow her vehicle from her property. Spoke to subjects.

7:56 p.m. – Booked John Harold Crandall.

8:54 p.m. – Booked Shiloh Rae Crandall.

9:46 p.m. – Caller reported she sold a horse to a man who has failed to come get it, wanted to know when she could re-sell it. Spoke to reporting party; civil matter.

9:59 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police on disorderly call.

10:43 p.m. – Assisted police on possible shot fired call near Fike Park. Not found.

Saturday

5:40 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police.

10:39 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police.

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