

Spring in bloom



Becky Schulte (left) and Carol Waller, employees of Mueller Grain, planted flowers at Main and 12th on Friday.
Photo by Debra Turner/The Goodland Daily News

Strategies for weed control

This time of year people want to control not just winter annual weeds like henbit and chickweed, but also more troublesome broadleaf weeds like clover or dandelion.

Both are easy to identify, but difficult to control because they are perennial and tend to revitalize every year during good growing conditions. Dandelion re-emerges from its thick taproot and clover from stolons. Both weeds spread from seeds generated from the characteristic showy flowers of plants during spring. Because of the perennial nature of these weeds, physical removal like hand-pulling is often ineffective. Mowing can help keep flowers and seed production to a minimum.

The best controls for clover or dandelion are postemergence broadleaf herbicides. Results may vary. For example, 2,4-D is effective against dan-



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delion, but is not the best choice for clover. Always check the herbicide label to make sure a product effectively controls the perennial weeds in your turf area.

Do not mow for several days before and after the application to allow for maximum uptake and translocation of the herbicide. Do not water for at least 24 hours after application and do not treat if rain is expected. Avoid applying broadleaf herbicides when temperatures exceed 80 degrees or when winds exceed 5 mph to ensure safety to both turf grasses and nearby broad-

leaf shrubs and flowers.

While ideal control will be achieved when the weeds are actively growing (good soil moisture and moderate air temperatures), understand that spring applications do not usually give as good results as those in the fall. This is because perennial weeds begin growing vigorously in the fall, after a tough summer, actively transporting food reserves to the root system in preparation for winter.

Fall-applied herbicides can follow the "food-stream" to the roots and kill these robust storage structures. During spring, perennial weeds funnel these resources to the shoots and flowers, so less herbicide reaches the root system. That allows for some recovery.

Graves wants no significant cuts

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of delinquent taxes. Doing so raises between \$37 million and \$45 million for fiscal 2002.

They also agree that the state should use the \$160 million in extra federal nursing home funds it expects to collect through September 2002 to pay for services now financed with general fund revenues. The most likely figure is \$50 million for 2002.

That still leaves a gap of at least \$111 million to fill.

That would be a tough job, but Graves and legislators have made it nearly impossible.

Graves has declared that he wants legislators to finance as much as possible of the 2002 spending that's already been approved. He wants no significant cuts.

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The governor has proposed \$117.6 million in tax increases, but legislators have been at best reluctant to embrace the idea. Senators' plan assumed only a \$10 million tax increase for insurance companies, and House members have said flatly they won't increase taxes — though they did pass a bill increasing traffic fines to raise money for the state.

And both chambers have rejected proposals to legalize slot machines at dog and horse racing tracks.

What's left, then, are the tricks. For example:

• Both plans rely on an accounting gimmick to get around a state law requiring a budget to leave an amount in the general fund equal to 7.5 percent of expenditures. They take aid to local

governments and, instead of treating it as spending, subtract it from revenues. The change lowers spending on paper — and the amount of money that must be set aside.

• Both chambers have embraced the idea of delaying the last payment of the 2002 fiscal year to some hospitals and clinics that provide medical services to the poor.

• Both plans also assume the state will tell oil and natural gas producers that they must pay their severance taxes within 30 days. Current law gives them 60 days to pay; the change pushes a payment from fiscal 2003 into fiscal 2002.

Rhetorically, they and their colleagues have pulled out the red lipstick and applied it liberally — to the snouts of pigs.

College president to be here in June

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lation is coming from and have strong recruiting techniques.

The populations in northwest Kansas and southeast Colorado, where the college draws most of its students, are declining, Clouse said. He said he plans to work with the board to find students. One solution could lie in recruiting.

Clouse said a college's strongest advertising is generally word-of-mouth from one student to another.

"Students are our No. 1 recruiters," he said. "Students are like customers; you want them to leave here as happy customers. You want them to tell their friends about the college."

He said it's also important for col-

leges to have a presence in high schools and talk with students, parents and organizations and clubs.

While students attend a technical school to learn a trade, Clouse said, every student should have basic computer skills when they graduate.

"They should know enough that a computer doesn't scare them," he said, noting that computers are used in almost every field.

One way to teach computer skills is to have faculty integrate it into the classes, Clouse said, adding that the college has a computer room for students to use.

JoAnn, Clouse's wife, said she's excited about moving to Goodland. She said she teaches family and consumer science for the Hiawatha School

District now and once owned a business where she sold products she makes out wheat.

Before dinner, Clouse told the board that he met his wife in high school and they attended Pittsburg State University together, where they got married.

He said he taught technical education for a while in Halstead, but then got out of it and went into carpentry, building houses.

He said when that slowed down, he got a job at a technical school in Hutchinson, and when the school's supervisor decided to go into farming, he took over.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," he said, noting that he stayed in that position for 5 1/2 years before moving to Pratt.

Group takes gardening to new level

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sure Lumber Co. during the summer. She said each year, she tries to do some kind of experiment in her garden. Last year, she experimented with mulches to see what would hold moisture best and find out what different mulches would take out or add to the soil.

"I don't want gardening to become a lost art," Rasure said. "I don't think

it will, but let's take care of our soil." Rasure has a degree in retail floral from K-State.

"This is my love," she said.

She said what's fun about the program is that she gets to talk to people with the same interest. And she enjoys getting and keeping her hands dirty.

"I like to make mud pies," she said with a grin.

Some of the upcoming events that Rasure will be doing as a Master Gar-

dener are a six-week series of classes through the Goodland Arts Council called "How Does Your Garden Grow?" yard work at the Handy House, which was bought by the Sherman County Historical Society; and a booth at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

If you would like to be considered for the Master Gardener program or have questions, call County Extension Agent Dana Belshe at 899-4880.

Goodland All-Star Booster Club

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 1 - Tennis @ Russell 2:00 p.m.

Track @ Oberlin 2:00 p.m.
Golf @ Oakley 2:00 p.m.
2nd Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2 - HS Aud., Band Practice, grades 5-8,

10:30-3:00 p.m.
Band Concert grades 5-8 HS Aud., 7:00 p.m.
PDC Meeting 3:45 p.m.
Elem. School Bank Day

Thursday, May 3 - JH Track quad, @ St. Francis 2:00 p.m.

Tennis @ Hays High 2:00 p.m.
Golf @ Colby 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 4 - Track @ Colby 2:00 p.m.

North Parent Lunch

Saturday, May 5 - State Speech & Drama Festival & Championship at Hays

Prom, Elks Club 6:00 p.m.
Tennis @ Garden City 7:00 a.m.
Golf @ Ulysses 7:30 a.m.

Monday, May 7 - Spring Band/Vocal Concert HS Aud.

7:00 p.m.
Auditorium is Reserved All Day
Tennis @ Scott City 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8 - Golf @ Oakley 2:00 p.m.

G-Club Banquet
North Site Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
West Site Council Mtg. 4:00 p.m.

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