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2025 MOWING SEASON BIDS

The Gravity City Council will be accepting sealed bids for the 2025 mowing season for the City of Gravity. All bids must be received prior to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The bids will then officially be opened and read aloud at the scheduled Gravity City Council Meeting.  
Mowing and trimming includes the following: Gravity City Park, around the Gravity Community Center (Weeds must be kept from under the deck and out of the parking space in front of the Community Center and also from the gravel behind the Community Center), around the Maintenance Shed and along the highway to the 4-H sign, along the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and around the flower garden and pop can cage on Main Street and north to the corner.  
Please mail sealed bids along with proof of insurance to City of Gravity, PO Box 186, Gravity, IA 50848. Envelopes must clearly be marked with the words “2025 Mowing Season Bid”.  
Please contact City of Gravity at 712-537-2553 or email [cityofgravity@yahoo.com](mailto:cityofgravity@yahoo.com) with any questions.  
The City reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

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## Improve Vegetable System Weed Management with Tarping

New resource from ISU Extension and Outreach outlines using tarps in vegetable growing  
Alaina Friesleben, Ajay Nair  
Managing weeds is one of the greatest challenges for vegetable growers, accounting for significant yield loss each year. While cultivation and herbicide use can combat weed growth, over time, these methods can cause soil erosion issues and human health concerns.

A new resource from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers guidance on an excellent weed management alternative: tarping.

“Tarping to Improve Weed Management and Reduce Tillage in Vegetable Systems” outlines methods of tarping use and provides information on tarp implementation and installation.

Publication co-author and graduate research assistant in the ISU Department of Horticulture, Carly Strauser, noted its benefits.

“Tarps can provide many of the same functions tillage does, such as killing weeds or decomposing cover crops, making it great for no-till systems. They are a great investment for growers and are relatively inexpensive because they are multifunctional and can be used for multiple years,” she said.

The resource also demonstrates the effectiveness of two tarping processes: occlusion and solarization.

Occlusion aims to kill weeds by blocking access to sunlight with a black and white tarp, which prevents weeds from photosynthesizing. Solarization uses a clear tarp to create a warm environment, killing weeds due to excess heat.

Ajay Nair, professor and chair of the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State University, shared the findings of the study in the resource.

“Spring temperatures in the north central United States are typically not warm enough to terminate weeds via solarization,” he said. “Clear tarp treatments and no-tarp control treatments required cultivation to terminate weeds prior to planting the cash crop, whereas black and white tarps did not.”

The four-page publication is available for download through the ISU Extension Store.

## Tackle Thistles before They Bolt

Herbicide application now means less resistance in biennial species

Sherry Hoyer, Meaghan Anderson

Time’s running out to treat biennial thistles with herbicide this spring. Meaghan Anderson, extension

field agronomist with Iowa State University, said if you want to effectively use herbicide, you need to do so before the plants bolt.

“We are currently reaching the end of the first window of the year, and while these plants might be easier to see once bolting begins later this spring, they become much more tolerant to herbicide application at that point,” she said.

While goldfinches and butterflies enjoy those purple flowers, invasive biennial species allowed to produce seed can quickly create monocultures of plants that are unpalatable to livestock.

Musk thistle in field“Once plants have bolted, cutting or mowing stems will reduce or perhaps prevent seed production,” Anderson said. “Chopping individual plants with a spade below ground level is also highly effective but labor-intensive.”

Musk and bull thistles are common invasive weeds in Iowa pastures, and both are biennial, meaning they can be easier to control than the perennial Canada thistle. Biennial thistles of Iowa, an online resource from Iowa State’s Integrated Crop Management program, has descriptions, comparisons, and control options for musk and bull thistles.

## TREE REMOVAL

Taylor County will be accepting sealed bids for removal of 4 trees, planting 2 new trees and trimming in the Courtyard. All bids must be received by 4 p.m. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Bids can be dropped off at the Auditor’s Office or emailed to: [auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov](mailto:auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov) Please contact Shellia Culp at 712-427-0069 with questions or leave a message. The County reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

## GRASS SEEDING

Taylor County will be accepting sealed bids for grass seeding for the Courthouse yard. All bids must be received by 4 p.m. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Bids can be dropped off at the Auditor’s Office or emailed to: [auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov](mailto:auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov) Please contact Shellia Culp at 712-427-0069 with questions or leave a message. Taylor County reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

## CONCRETE REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

Taylor County will be accepting sealed bids for removal and replacement of concrete in the Courthouse yard. All bids must be received by 4 p.m. May14th, 2025. Bids can be dropped off or emailed to [auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov](mailto:auditor@taylorcounty.iowa.gov). Please contact Shellia Culp at 712-427-0069 with questions or leave a message. Taylor County reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

Bedford School Auction

Follow this link to learn more about bidding and purchasing, etc.  
<https://www.purplewave.com/search/Bedford%20Community%20SchoolsCommunity%20Schools>  
Bidding ends May 27, 2025.

TAYLOR COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All property owners and tenants in Taylor County, Iowa. You are hereby notified that the Board of Supervisors for Taylor County, Iowa, in accordance with 2019 Code of Iowa, chapter 317 has ordered a program of weed destruction to be followed by landowners and tenants who are expected to destroy and immediately keep under control any areas infested with any noxious weeds. Destruction may be accomplished by spraying, cutting, or any means which prevents seed production. All noxious weeds should be destroyed by:  
**June 1, 2025**, for Leafy Spurge; Perennial Peppergrass; Buckthorn (Rhamnus, not to include Rhamnus Frangula); Sour Dock Perennial, Smooth Dock Perennial, Sheep Sorrel Perennial, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn Perennial, and Wild Mustard Annual, and all other species of thistles belonging in genera of Cirsium and Carduus, (Musk Thistles).  
**June 15, 2025**, for European Morning Glory, or Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot Biennial, also known as Queen Anne’s Lace, Teasel Biennial, Canada Thistle, Poison Hemlock, Multiflora Rose, and Palmer Amaranth which is now listed for **eradication**.  
**July 15, 2025**, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack grass, Butterprint Annual, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Wild Sunflower Annual, Puncture Vine Annual, Shattercane Annual.  
You are hereby notified to destroy or cause to be destroyed and, as often as necessary, to control the growth, all noxious weeds growing on your property located within Taylor County, Iowa, on or before the dates fixed for the destruction of each group of noxious weeds, as stated herein, and that unless you destroy or cause the same to be destroyed, the Board of Supervisors of Taylor County, Iowa will cause said weeds growing upon said lands to be destroyed and the cost thereof to be taxed against said lands as provided in Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa and amendment thereto.  
Taylor County Board of Supervisors  
Raymond Olney  
Weed Commissioner  
515-505-2225 cell or 712-523-2167 office. Please text or call the cell # provided to inform me of your willingness to cooperate.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET TAYLOR COUNTY AG EXTENSION Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The TAYLOR COUNTY AG EXTENSION will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/19/2025 06:00 PM		Contact: Justin Akers		Phone: (641) 751-8440
Meeting Location: Taylor County Public Health Conference Room 507 Central Ave Bedford, IA 50833				
zoom link: <a href="https://iastate.zoom.us/j/91043022190?pwd=J4H81fgaZ0H9mogcb2sKSaWrBlg9ro.1">https://iastate.zoom.us/j/91043022190?pwd=J4H81fgaZ0H9mogcb2sKSaWrBlg9ro.1</a>				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <a href="https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals">https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals</a> .				
EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
County Agricultural Extension Education	175,977	30,000	205,977	unanticipated increase in expenses
Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	
Tort Liability	3,000	0	3,000	
Total	178,977	30,000	208,977	