

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting

June 4th, 2026

- We clearly have a bindweed epidemic this year. I have seen bindweed on properties that have never had a bindweed presence until this year. As such I will have a large amount of communication with the public. First, I intend to create and post a “Wanted” notice on facebook and other social media and an ad in the paper. This will read something to the effect of “Wanted, Dead Bindweed” kill immediately if you happen upon it. Other ideas for wording or a different concept are very welcome as this is just an idea at this stage. Second, I plan on having a second herbicide giveaway event trying some new ideas to make sure more people are aware of this county program. Third, I will expand homeowner notification and enforcement to a much wider audience as many more people have an issue this year.
- As I mentioned previously, we took an old 1997 GMC flatbed fire truck and turned it into a 400-gallon 2 tank spray rig. Last Thursday May 28th Don Andrews and Presley Lewis were driving down the road around lunchtime and came across a gentleman who had unfortunately just started a grass fire. In the high wind that was present that day it took off as wildfires will do. He weed crew went to work and turned into a fire crew. They fired up the pump and with the pump running they attempted to switch from the 200-gallon tank with mixed herbicide to the tank that was only water. Unfortunately, with this tank and pump setup this creates a pressure bump in the pump intake hose. This excess pressure caused the hose to pop-off at the hose clamp and proceeded to cover Don and Presley in blue dyed Milestone. With the fire still active Don went to work grabbed some tools from the truck and reattached the hose. They then fired the pump up again, this time with water, and were able to put out the fire. Many thanks and appreciation to Don and Presley.
- We have had a rough start to the season equipment wise this year. First our flagship Ford F450 began leaking oil from the turbo. It turns out that the new turbo that was installed last year and which came fully assembled was not properly torqued and came lose. The centrifugal spray pump on the F450 sprang a significant leak. Upon disassembly I found that it had lost one of 2 bearings and we are currently awaiting parts. These 2 issues kept us from spraying with the Ford for a week and a half.
- Recently Presley Lewis took a backpack sprayer to the golf course so that she could reach and spray Houndstonque (a Utah specified noxious weed) in areas that were unreachable with any other equipment.