

Kennedy Klips

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Lab Confirms Kennedy's Community Garden Was Poisoned

The University of Minnesota sent the Kennedy Community Garden's damaged plant tissue sample to the Agriculture Analytical Laboratory at Montana State University for testing. The tests performed confirmed that the Community Garden was sprayed with Round-Up or a similar product. That assessment was made after a high level of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Round-Up, was found in the samples tested, according to a lab report provided (see below).

"No one wanted to believe someone would vandalize the community garden," said Jeanne Cooney, volunteer director of the Kennedy Community Center, which also owns the community garden. "After all, it's beautiful, and it offers jobs to Kennedy kids too young to drive elsewhere for work. That's why people originally speculated that the plant damage was due to weather conditions or too much fertilizer. But those theories were quickly dismissed. The damage was too sporadic to be weather related, and the large perennial garden, where many plants were lost, was not fertilized—and is never fertilized by the kids."

As for the pots of annuals located around town, one of the garden kids said, "Some people say we killed the plants in the pots by over fertilizing them. But, if that were true, why wouldn't all the pots look bad? We do them all the same. The pots by the post office, the café, and the bank, where most people are, looked just fine. Only the pots further away from the busy places were damaged."

The damage took place sometime between June 30th, when all the plants around town were looking great, and July 5th, when the garden staff returned from the holiday break to a very sad looking garden. The Kittson County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate and would appreciate receiving any information that may lead to the culprit. The Kennedy Community Center is offering a \$100 reward for such tips. "As far as I know, the sheriff does not have a prime suspect," Cooney said. "Or, if he does, he's keeping the name under wraps for now."

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY Mountains and Minds		Ph: (406) 994-3383 Fax: (406) 994-4494 www.ag.montana.edu
Agriculture Experiment Station Analytical Laboratory		
Date: 08/10/2017	Page No.: 1	Date: 8/10/2017
To: AGVISE Laboratories Robert Deutsch PO Box 510 Northwood, ND 58267 701-587-6010	Method Reference: Montana Department of Agriculture, GLYPH_V5, Glufosinate in Vegetation Using LC-ES/MS/MS."	
From: Heidi Hickey Laboratory Director	Analytical Results:	Glyphosate
Subject: Report of Analyses for Invoice Number 5,395	Lab No. AB71919	Sample Description III- Community garden
Date Received: 8/2/17		ug/g (ppm) 13
Date Reported: 8/10/17		
QA Reviewer: <i>MR [Signature]</i>	Quality Control Results:	
Technical Reviewer: <i>[Signature]</i>	AB71919 As Duplicate	14
	Reagent Blank	ND
	Spike % Recovery	71

NOTE: Samples will be disposed 4 weeks after analysis completed date. Please notify the laboratory promptly if you need other arrangements.

Calendar

CITY SERVICES

City Office

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 12:30-5:30 p.m.

City Shop

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

WATER SHUT OFF

Thursday, October 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Repairs will be taking place in Kennedy on the EAST side of town, SOUTH of 3rd St.

OCTOBER 9th COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 9, 2017
City Office & Shop Closed

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
At the City Office.
Public is encouraged to attend.

DELINQUENT WATER BILLS DUE

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 2 p.m.
At the City Office.

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent Accounts
Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 8 a.m.

October

- 2nd Ralph Twamley
- 3rd Judy Dziengel
- 4th Charles Swanson
- 5th Darron Benson
Gary Spilde
- 6th Jason Turn
Tina Turn
- 9th Marshall Truedson
- 12th Bob Gunnarson
Doris Mortenson
- 13th Mary Mortenson
- 14th Dean Hanson
- 15th Emily Gunnarson
Kadie Benson
- 17th Sheila Eschler
- 18th Marc "Bubba" Langen
- 19th Bruce Mortenson
- 26th Bobbi Ayala
- 27th Margaret Hagen
Riley Braun
- 28th Lu Kiene
- 30th Morgan Turn
- 31st Harvey Johnson
Jordan Rynning
Gus Gunnarson



ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What is Energy Assistance? A program to help pay a portion of your heat bills, and emergency heating systems repairs. This help is for people of all ages with all types of income and heating fuels. This help does not pay all of your heat costs. This is assistance – you will have to pay a portion yourself.

Why is Help Available? Help is available for people with low income who have a difficult time paying their heating bill. People in Minnesota must have heat in the winter.

Repair Program? If funding is available, we may be able to provide homeowners with furnace repairs, or in hazardous situations, furnace replacements.

Who Can Get Help? This program serves Kittson, Lake of the Woods, East Marshall and Roseau counties and includes help for homeowners and some qualifying renters who meet income guidelines. Renters can apply if your heat costs are included in your monthly rent, and the government does not pay part of your rent. Subsidized Housing may apply if you pay either your heat or electric costs.

2017—2018 Income Guidelines

Household Size	3 Month Gross Income
1	\$ 6,250
2	\$ 8,173
3	\$10,096
4	\$12,019
5	\$13,942
6	\$15,865

How Can I Get Help? Call (218)528-3258 or (800)568-5329, visit our website at www.northwestcap.org or write Energy Assistance Program, Northwest Community Action, PO Box 67, Badger, MN 56714. We can also tell you about other help available and how to save energy. All of your information will remain confidential.

Halloween Party & Supper



Tricks & Treats for All!

Tuesday, October 31, 2017
5:00—6:30 p.m.

At the Kennedy VFW Middle Room