

# Weed & Pest Happenings

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## Get to Know the Board Member that Represents You!

Ever wonder who is representing your interests on the Laramie County Weed & Pest Board of Directors? Well, wonder no longer. See the list of board members on our website listed below under "About Us".

The board consists of seven members. They are appointed by the County Commissioners to serve a four-year term. The board members must be a qualified elector of the area he is appointed to represent.

- Area 1: Southwestern Laramie County
- Area 2: City of Cheyenne
- Area 3: Southeastern Laramie County
- Area 4: Central-Western Laramie County
- Area 5: Central-Eastern Laramie County
- Area 6: Northwestern Laramie County
- Area 7: Northeastern Laramie County

## EVENTS:

- ❄ Board meetings @ 6:30 p.m.:
  - January 4, 2024 @ Archer
  - Feb. 8, 2024 @ Archer
  - March 7, 2024 @ Archer

The public is invited to attend.

## Myth-teries (Myths)

Okay, all kidding aside! Let's talk about some myths regarding noxious weeds.

### **Myth#1: I am letting my land go "natural" by not spraying my weeds.**

NO by ignoring the noxious weeds, you give them the opportunity to take over the native grasses and plants.

### **Myth #2: Cutting, hand-pulling, or mowing are the best ways to control noxious weeds.**

Not always true. Some perennials such as Dalmatian toadflax and Canada thistle should not be cut or pulled as it will only stimulate growth & produce more plants!

### **Myth #3: Animals & wildlife will eat the noxious weeds.**

Maybe. It depends on what animal and what noxious weed. Elk prefer native plants and grasses. Deer and cattle will graze some, but others like larkspur are poisonous to cattle.

### **Myth #4: Biological control such as insects are the answer to noxious weed problems.**

Never depend on just one method for control. Using an integrated management plan including herbicides, insects, and mechanically pulling & cutting is best for noxious weed control.

## OFFICES CLOSED:

- January 1, 2024 New Year's Day
- January 15, 2024 MLK, Jr. Day
- Feb. 19, 2024 President's Day



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