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Nursery, Inc.**
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Store Hours

**Monday-Saturday:
8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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Landscape Office 785-539-2671

Blueville Nursery Garden Store was established in the spring of 1970 as an extension of our full landscape services. We have been providing Manhattan and the surrounding areas with quality annuals, nursery stock and gardening supplies ever since. Open year round with an assortment of products to match each season.



With over 50 years of experience, Blueville prides itself on creating personal relationships and greeting every customer with a friendly smile. Our top notch customer service has resulted in life long customers from generation to generation.

**"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain" - Dolly Parton**

August 2026

Garden Store Newsletter

Katie's Korner



Katie's work in the industry began in 2002. Her degrees were completed at KSU in Business Marketing and Horticulture – Landscape Design by 2009. Katie came to Blueville in January of 2017 and is now the Garden Store Manager and Division Head.

August 2026 Event Notes

August 1st was part of Pollinator Weekend at Blueville this year. Saturday, August 1st 10 a.m. local bird expert, Chuck Otte presented Hummingbird Highway, as he touched on the Hummingbird Southbound Migration that is taking place this time of year. Hummingbird feeders are very active though mid-September. Blueville also handed out Hummingbird Nectar cans at the seminar and with purchases that weekend.

Friday, August 7th 10 a.m. KSU expert, Gus van der Hoeven discussed “It’s August – What Now in the Garden?” with thoughts on landscaping, yard and garden tasks to focus on the second half of the year. Gus was a member of the KSU Faculty, Landscaping and Extension departments.

Saturday, August 8th 10 a.m. Module #5 of the Honeybee & Beekeeping Course for the pre-registered attendees took place at Blueville with KSU Entomologist, Dr. Cloyd from 10 a.m. to noon.

Friday, August 14th 10 a.m. KSU Extension Riley County Horticulture Agent, Gregg Eyestone discussed “Can We Grow Fall Vegetables?” and went over the crops typically planted for the second half of the year in this area.

Saturday, August 15th 10 a.m. KSU Extension Riley County Horticulture Agent, Gregg Eyestone also led a seminar discussing “Steps to a Healthy Lawn” as we near the Fall Season with Seeding, Fertilizing and Weed Control tasks with Fescue Lawns.

In the afternoon on Saturday, August 15th at 1 p.m. Hedge Post Farm led a pre-registered workshop to make a Summer Dried Flower Wreath with natural items that come from landscape plantings. Participants constructed their wreaths during the workshop and took them home.

Saturday, August 22nd was the final Module #6 for the Honeybee and Beekeeping Course for pre-registered attendees KSU Entomologist, Dr. Cloyd wrapped up from 10 a.m. to noon at Blueville.

Friday, August 28th 10 a.m. KSU Dr. Donnelly led “Know Your Foe: Identification & Features of Troublesome Garden Weeds” discussion with lots of visuals from the garden atmosphere around Manhattan. It was interactive and hands-on between the presentation and visuals. Attendees also brought samples of weeds for Dr. Donnelly to look at and help them with from their own questions.

Saturday, August 29th 10 a.m. local grower, and expert, Chuck Otte discussed Garlic and Shallot crops leading into Fall. Garlic is best planted in October, and Shallots can

be planted in the Fall. Chuck supplies his Garlic choices, and Shallots, at Blueville to buy for culinary and planting uses while stock is available starting in August.

Labor Day Hours

Friday: 8-5 p.m.

Saturday: 8-5 p.m.

Monday: 8-3 p.m.



September 2026 Event Notes

Labor Day Weekend seems to be a bit later this year with the 2026 calendar. The yearly Labor Day Plant Sale takes place September 4-7th in 2026. On Monday, September 7th the garden store is open 8-3 p.m. with the holiday.

The garden store does have Mums starting to bloom, and select Fall color, with Annuals available out front. In addition, the yearly Mum Mania event will follow Labor Day Weekend this year and is scheduled for September 8-12th. Even more Fall Annuals, and more Mums, are tentatively arranged to arrive the second week of September.

With the KSU Football Schedule this year, look to attend Saturday, September 26th at Blueville with a presentation at 10 a.m. "Dethatching, Aerating and Seeding with KSU Horticulture, Turfgrass Specialist, and Rocky Ford Turfgrass Research Manager, Ross Braun at Blueville. Free to participate!

Sign-up in advance for the Fall Container Workshop, that will further take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th at Blueville to plant up fresh containers with Cool Season Annual Color and Texture.

October 2026 Event Notes

October 2-3rd will be Fall Open House this season and an Espoma weekend at Blueville.

Saturday, October 10th at 10 a.m. "More Plants the Better" will be presented by KSU Extension Riley County Horticulture Agent, Gregg Eyestone at Blueville. Mariah and Phillip will assist too with discussion. This presentation will touch on Propagation, Cuttings, Air Layer, Collecting Seeds, Grafting Techniques and possibly more related subjects, as they prepare for the presentation.

Saturday, October 24th 10 a.m. will be a discussion over Fall Bulb Planting for Spring Color led by KSU expert Gus van der Hoeven. Fall Bulbs typically arrive late September with availability in the store. Plant in October or later with the Fall Season. The bulbs need the winter chill period in the ground to come up in the Spring for blooms.

Fall Field Days at Blueville will take place October 23-24th this year at Blueville.

Saturday, October 31st will be Trick-Or-Treating at Blueville during store hours.

Watch for more leading into November and December! The event card will be posted, and advertised more, after Labor Day Weekend.

Other Notes

The Colorado Peaches were in the store earlier this year due to the crops ripening faster this year. The Colorado Peaches were delivered six consecutive weeks to Blueville during July and early August.

The garden store hours transitioned on Monday, August 24th to Monday-Saturday 8-5 p.m. to help get the Fall tasks underway with planting, seeding, fertilizing and more, that typically taking place with the time-of-year.

Labor Day weekend will be September 4th, 5th and 7th this year. On Monday, September 7th the garden store hours will be 8-3 p.m. with the holiday. Watch for Labor Day Weekend Specials closer to those dates.

Watch for weekly sale info on Facebook and via e-mail. It is ever-changing with timely info.

Houseplant shipments update every couple weeks, so check regularly for what is new with houseplants. Back-to-school is in motion. Houseplants, pottery, potting soil, plant stands are available at Blueville to get new spaces set up or spruced up.

Mums are arriving, and will continue to fill in through early September, with the choices. Cool season annuals are set to arrive the second week of September this year with 2026 weather. Fall Bulbs to plant for early spring color will show up towards the end-of-September. Hay bales are available year-round if supply is available. Pumpkins will arrive to the store closer to October.

It's time for the third step in the 5 Step Lawn Program for well-established cool-season lawns with Fertilome Lawn Food Plus Iron fertilizer. It is typically applied mid-August to mid-September. A well-established cool-season lawn may get up to three fertilizer applications in the fall spread out a month apart with Fertilome Lawn Food Plus Iron (August/September), Fertilome Weed-Out w/ fertilizer (October) and Fertilome Winterizer (Thanksgiving).

The best time to seed cool season lawns like fescue would be September to mid-October.

If you have interest in Fescue sod, get orders in asap at the store. It's a pre-order and pre-payment system. Sod installation would be ideal in September with better weather. Instant grass for instant gratification. Keep it watered until it roots in over a few weeks' timeframe.

We do deliveries select days of the week with 24 hour advance notice if the schedule allows for it. No Tuesday's. Most are on Wednesday's or Thursday's with staff availability. Delivery fees do apply on top of the cost of the product. Typical delivery radius covers an hour from Blueville, but we have been known to deliver further away with advanced arrangements to help get supplies where they need to go. Just ask for more information and pricing.

Fall is a great time to do landscaping and yard work. When the cooler air arrives, the continued warmer soils are present. Fall typically leads to less transplant shock making it easier with the watering tasks. As long as the ground is not frozen, a tree can be planted. Plants are restocking for the fall season. Make sure to stop by and see what is new.

Lawn Info



In this area of the state, Fescue is the most common turfgrass used. It is a cool season grass. Therefore, the best time to seed cool season turfgrass is September to mid-October. August is the time to get those lawn areas prepped and ready for seeding projects. Jump in soon and start seeding or over-seeding.

Check the products you are using to see how long you have to wait until you can seed.

Use Hi-Yield Kill-Zall Quick to kill off grass and weeds if you are wanting to kill out entire sections of lawn and start over.

Make sure to check the labels on the Crabgrass and Nutsedge products before using them if you are seeding in the fall to avoid problems.

Get two to three mowing's off of new grass before spraying weed products over the area. Fertilome Weed Free Zone is used, as a contact killer for broadleaf weed control, when it cools off in the fall.

Fertilizer Info

Step #3 in the Five Step Lawn Program occurs August 15-September 15th according to the calendar. In other words, it is time for the orange bag of Fertilome Lawn Food



Plus Iron. Use this on well-established cool-season lawns. If you are doing seeding projects in September, ask how to go about using products. Spread fertilizer applications out about a month apart. In the fall you can potentially fertilize your cool-season lawn three times if you do all five steps of the Five Step Lawn Program.

Fall Vegetable Gardening

Fall is a good time to do a second round of vegetable crops. **In the fall the weather is better. Fewer bug problems. Fewer weed problems.**

Clean out vegetable garden beds. Add Cotton Burr Compost, Cattle Compost or Chicken Manure in bags and re-prepare the areas. Bulk Aged Cattle Manure is also available. In August the calendar shows starting Kale, Lettuce, Radish, Spinach, Turnips. We have vegetable seed still available in the store. Refer to the KSU Vegetable Garden Calendar to guide you with planting. It is a great resource!

<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf315.pdf>

Tyler's Tips



Tyler is a 2017 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Education. He has been working in the plant industry since 2012 and at Blueville since 2014. His main interests are houseplants and annuals. He currently serves as the assistant manager at the garden store.

Houseplant Highlights

As we get back to school, consider purchasing a houseplant for your dorm, apartment or office. Houseplants are great at boosting the mood in your living space and some can even help purify the air! Below are just a few of the houseplants that we have in stock.

Parlor Palm

Parlor palm is a fairly easy to care for houseplant that prefers bright, indirect light. Let soil dry out slightly between watering, but not completely. Do not keep constantly wet. Grows 2-6' tall depending on conditions you provide. Prefers a bit more humidity, so mist with water daily.



Chinese Evergreen



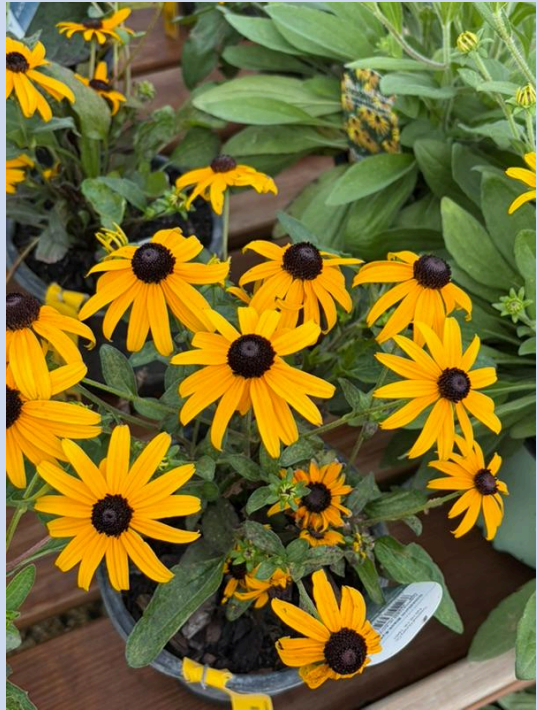
Chinese Evergreen prefer medium to bright, indirect light. Allow the soil to dry out 2 inches between watering. Grows up to 3' tall. Comes in a variety of colors and patterns. Thought to bring luck, prosperity and success according to Chinese feng shui. Highly toxic to cats and dogs.

Swiss Cheese Plant



Swiss Cheese Plant is a great beginner houseplant. Low to bright, indirect light. Let the soil dry about 2 inches between watering. Grows 3-8' tall. Can either keep as a trailing plant, or train up a trellis. Mist daily for better results.

Plants with Interest







What To Do

- Treat lawns with Dylox for quick grub control
- Plant fall vegetable crops like kale, lettuce, radish and spinach
- Fertilize roses one last time this season
- Begin seeding cool season turf-type grass (fescue, bluegrass, perennial rye)
- Fertilize lawns using fertilome Lawn Food + Iron
- Plant container trees, shrubs and perennials



What's New

- Mums & Fall Annuals
- K-State, Royals & Chiefs Items
- Hummingbird & Oriole Items
- Tabletop Fountains

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coupons or discounts**

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Expires September 12th, 2026

2026 Milford Lake Bird Walks

Walks meet at 8 a.m. on the south end of the Milford Lake Dam (across the road from the Corps of Engineers Milford Lake Project Office, 5203 North K-57 Junction City, Kansas.)

The walks last 2 to 3 hours and we explore areas around or near Milford Lake.

Walks are led by Chuck Otte - he can be contacted at cotte@ksu.edu. Bring your binoculars, your bird book, comfortable walking shoes and a sense of humor!

Birders of all ages and stages are welcome! Schedule is tentative - you may want to check in with Chuck a few days ahead to make sure it hasn't had to be changed.

- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 9th
- June 20th
- July 18th
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 24th
- November 21st

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