

April was unkind to gardeners

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Several years may have passed since you last planted potatoes in May. The same can be said for peas. Or onions. Or radishes, lettuce, spinach, or even broccoli and cabbage. You may never have planted those early spring vegetables so late in the season for crying out loud!

But listen to me! Rather than completely miss out on Nature's sweet taste of early season garden treats, go ahead and plant them now. Even in early May! You may not get as much production as in a normal season, but it's almost certain that you'll get SOME treats before summer's heat arrives, and in this case, some is better than none. I realize that many gardeners to my east have been enjoying greens and things for some time, but not so much in the western High Plains.

I normally plant peas about April 10, which I did this year. But I know many of you didn't get them in the ground by then due to snow, cold, and other freakish weather activities. My peas didn't emerge for three weeks, and are still undersized for this time of year because of the weather they have endured.

Ditto for my onions that seem to have miraculously withstood temperatures lower than I wish to talk about. (12 official degrees).

So, if you were to plant peas and onions and the other early stuff now, chances are they would soon catch up with my "slow growing" things rather quickly. That is of course unless we somehow, some way, impossibly find ourselves in the midst of some kind of mid-May winter fracas. If that happens, you're on your own, and I have four or five dozen very nice home grown tomato plants for sale, cheap!

It could happen of course. The latest there has ever been a freezing temperature here in Sherman County since weather records have been kept, was on June 2, 1951, when the thermometer dropped to 31 degrees. Indeed, that had to be hard on the zucchini!

To show the significance of the coolness of the current season, the Extension Service said that this is the latest, ever, for the start of the corn-planting season. There had been no corn planted in Kansas as of May 2. And here I am sitting around crying about my enforced tardiness in planting broccoli.

All this talk about the "late season" and "abnormal spring" and "what am I gonna do" makes sense when you consider what happened last spring. For example, there was not a single freezing temperature recorded in the month of April last year in my garden. Not one. This year, April may go down as one of the coldest ever, and may have set records for most April snowfall. And already here in May, we have had two nights of sub-freezing temperatures. Where in the world is Al Gore when you need him!

But I hereby predict that we will survive the season and soon be enjoying beautiful flowers in those patio pots around the High Plains and tasty red radishes will adorn the kitchen table over there by the salt shaker! And that magnificent spinach salad?...uh, I'm still not sure about the spinach salad.



Singing with spirit



Under the direction of Mrs. Vesta Jo Still, the Logan Junior High choir sings "Here I Am" from the Movie "Spirit" at a concert that was held on Monday, April 29 outside on the Dane G. Hansen Museum lawn. There was an ice cream social afterward and a meet and greet for the new Museum administrators. Pictured in the front row from the left are: Colton Greving, Riley Allen, Shaydin Speth and Chase Archer. Second row: Shamyia Cullens-Zeiters, Makenzie Jansonius, Marie Ko and Alyssa DeBoer; Third row: Mollie Sammons, Miranda Shellito and Leamarie Edwards.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS

Monday, May 13
Regional Golf at Cimarron, 8 a.m.
Senior Art Final
Students Focus Group, A.P.
JH-SH Vocal Concert at East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
Senior finals and checkout; periods 4, 5, 6, and 7
Exhibit Night, 6 p.m.
Spring Band Concert: Stull Gym, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15
Senior finals and checkout; periods 1, 2 and 3
Senior lunch, commencement practice: Stull Gym and checkout, 12:25 p.m.
Senior Scholarship and

Awards Assembly: Stull Gym, 2:30 p.m.
Site Council, 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 16
Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
S.I.T. Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
Senior finals and checkout: make-up day
KAYS Senior Recognition, A.P.
Movie Night for State Assessment Tester
Friday, May 17
Senior breakfast and commencement practice3, 8:25 a.m.
Regional Track at Holcomb, 3 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
NCHS Commencement exercises: Stull Gym, 2:30 p.m.
NJHS
Monday, May 13

Academic Awards: JH Gym, 9 a.m.
Vocal Concert: East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 14
Track Awards: JH Gym, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 15
Site Council, 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 16
Exhibit Night and Band Concert-JH Gym, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
EES
Monday, May 16
5th and 6th grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.
Friday, May 17
Science Fair: Cafeteria, 1 p.m.

SCHOOL MENU

Norton Jr.-Sr. High Schools Menu
Monday, May 13
Breakfast-Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit or juice or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.
Lunch-Chicken strip sandwich, lettuce and tomato, french fries, banana, or chef salad and milk.
Tuesday, May 14
Breakfast-Hot cereal, fruit or juice or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.
Lunch-Taco, lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese, refried beans, apples, or chef salad and milk.
Wednesday, May 15
Breakfast-Pancakes w/syrup, sausage links, fruit or juice or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.
Lunch-Stuffed crust cheese pizza, combo salad, peaches, or chef salad and milk.

Thursday, May 16
Breakfast-Yogurt, bagel and cream cheese, fruit or juice or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.
Lunch-Chicken Alfredo, Carnival salad, green beans, applesauce, cookie, or chef salad and milk.
Friday, May 17
Breakfast-Bacon, egg and cheese sandwich, fruit or juice or choice of assorted cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, and milk.
Lunch-Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, rolls w/margarine, carrots, pears, or chef salad and milk.
EES Menu
Monday, May 13
Breakfast-Homemade pancakes, warm syrup, apple juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.
Lunch-Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, pineapple chunks, whole wheat roll and milk.

Tuesday, May 14
Breakfast-Applesauce muffins, pears, grape juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.
Lunch-Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.
Wednesday, May 15
Breakfast-Blueberry muffin, peaches, orange juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.
Lunch-Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, cooked carrots, rosy applesauce, pepper strips, french bread and milk.
Thursday, May 16
Breakfast-Rolled-up sausage links, tater tots, apple juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.
Lunch-Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, 1/2 corn, potato salad, apricots and milk.
Friday, May 17
Breakfast-Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk and toast with peanut butter.
Lunch-Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, Mandarin oranges, cheese rolls and milk.

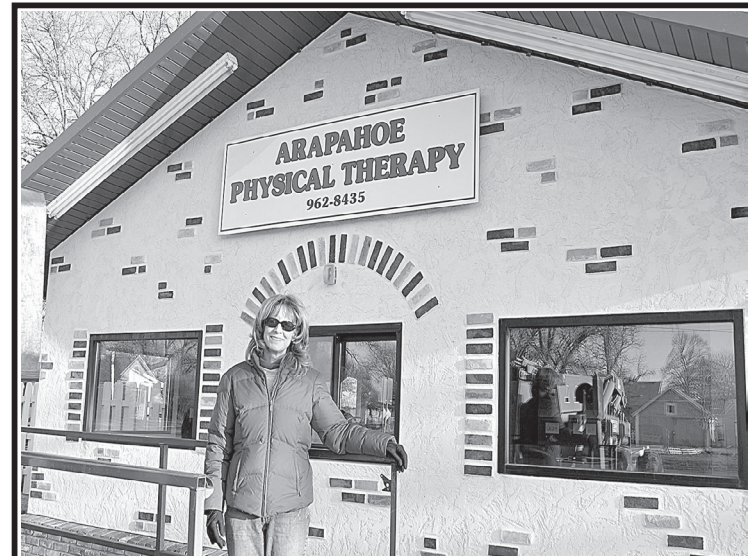
Haines-Riemann Engagement

Katie Haines and Alex Riemann are engaged to be married July 6, 2013.
Parents of the bride are Scott and Barb Haines of Midland, Mich.
Parents of the groom are Kevin Riemann of Vassar, and Kelly Riemann of Norton.
The bride-elect, a graduate of Midland High School and Hope College, is a second grade teacher at Abe Hubert Elementary School in Garden City.
The prospective groom, a graduate of Lansing High School and the University of Kansas, is a seventh grade social studies teacher at Horace Good Middle School in Garden City.



CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the April dinner and meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Town & Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, May 14 by calling Joy Johnson (874-4706).
"Tiaras, Trophies, and Triumphs" is the theme for the evening. The special music for the evening will be presented by Brenda Copeland, Bastrop, La. Mrs. Copeland, who is a former Miss America preliminary winner, travels and speaks internationally. A recording artist with gospel albums and several gospel music awards to her credit, Mrs. Copeland will present a min concert.
The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Kelvin Copeland, Bastrop, La. Mr. Copeland will share his story in "Standing At the 'Y', Returning From the Brink of Disaster."
The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and internationally in 65 countries. All area women are invited to attend.



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