

# Summer chores start for gardeners

The past week has seen a lot of plants go into the ground or into pots. Now we start the summer chores.



## dana belshe

• ag notebook

Garden soils are warm enough now that tomatoes can benefit from mulching. Tomatoes prefer even levels of soil moisture, which mulches provide by slowing evaporation.

Other benefits of mulching include weed suppression, moderating soil temperatures and preventing formation of a hard crust on the soil. Crust restricts air movement into and out of the soil and slows water infiltration.

Hay and straw mulches are popular for tomatoes but may contain weed or volunteer grain seeds. When using grass clippings, apply as a thin layer — only two to three inches thick.

Clippings should be dry because wet clippings can mold and become so hard that water can't pass through. Do not use clippings from lawns that have been treated with a weed killer until some time has passed.

If a homeowner-type weed killer has been used, clippings from the fourth mowing after treatment may

be used. If the lawn is commercially sprayed and a product containing cyprofluralid has been applied, clippings should not be used as mulch.

Now is also a good time for mulching all landscape plants, including those in containers and baskets. These plants didn't really need insulation earlier, but mulching now will help prevent splashing and give you the benefits of garden mulching, including: retaining water, keeping the soil cooler than the air and discouraging weeds.

As with the tomato mulching, paying attention to how and what you are mulching with is important. An inch of peat moss is enough to provide a good cover, yet not so much that it'll mat and repel water. With big bark mulch pieces, you'll need from three to five inches. For the typical cypress mulch, about two inches deep is just right.

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# obituaries

## Pearl Abbott

Alberta Pearl (Learned) Abbott, 94, Goodland, a retired office manager, bookkeeper, nurse and farmer, died Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.



Abbott

She and her twin brother Albert Earl were born at home on March 24, 1913, the fifth and sixth children of George O. and Sadie E. (Thompson) Learned, farmers in Stafford County.

Friends said she loved the outdoor life on the farm and was a tomboy until her mother brought her indoors to learn "woman's work" in her teens.

She graduated from Stafford High School in 1931 and began nurse's training at Grace Hospital in Hutchinson. The Depression forced the school to close, and she returned to the farm. She learned how to assist at home births and stayed with a family for two weeks, caring for mother, baby and family for fifty cents a day.

Lawrence E. Abbott wooed and won her, and they married in 1936. Their efforts to establish a farm life were interrupted by World War II. They moved to Wichita, where he worked for Boeing, while she was busy raising their four children.

After the war, they moved to Tribune and for 13 years managed the Gano elevator at Whitelaw. Mrs. Abbott was the bookkeeper and also shared a school bus route with her husband.

When their oldest child entered college, she began working as a nurse's aide at Greeley County Hospital. She soon became the office manager and bookkeeper, a career that continued until she retire 25 years later.

In 1961, she and her husband bought the Trued homestead. They

were partners on the farm and were honored with a Soil Conservation Award in 1974.

Mrs. Abbott was a member of the Tribune First Presbyterian Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge and 4-H. She directed the cancer drive for many years and organized dinners for families after funerals.

Her husband's second heart attack forced them move to town, and she made one more move in 2003 to Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community in Goodland.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 1990; a brother, Ralph Learned; her twin; and three sisters, Beulah Hoelscher, Vera Learned and Alta Learned.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Arlene Abbott of Arlington, Mass.; three sons, Melvin (Janet) Abbott of Pueblo, Colo., John (Valerie) Abbott of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Lynn (Barbara) Abbott of Goodland; a brother, Oscar Learned of Atwood; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2007, at the church in Tribune with the Rev. Paul McNall officiating and visitation for one hour before the service.

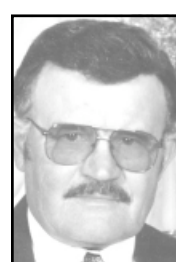
Visitation in Goodland will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the Koons Chapel.

The burial will be at 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday at the Peace Creek Cemetery in Stafford County.

Memorials may be made to the church or to the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

## Walter Rohr

Walter Rohr, 76, Goodland, owner of W-R Truck and Tractor, died Friday, May 25, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.



Rohr

He was born Feb. 10, 1931, at Ness City, the son of Paul Frank and Otilia (Rohr) Rohr. He graduated from St. Teresa High School in Hutchinson.

On Feb. 11, 1950, he married Patricia L. Hines. She died Sept. 8, 1981. On Dec. 11, 1982, he married Helen M. Kosse in Goodland.

He began his career at Minneapolis Moline in Hutchinson, then later traveled for International Harvester in the western half of Kansas. In 1960, he moved to Colby and continued traveling for International Harvester until he moved to Goodland in 1965 and became owner and manager of W-R Truck and Tractor in Goodland.

He served on the Goodland City Council. He was a member of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland; Knights of Columbus; Colorado Tractor Pullers Association, in which he was named Colorado Puller of the Year and served as a former president; and the National Tractor Puller Association, in which he was named to the National Tractor Pullers Hall of Fame.

His hobbies included woodwork and tractor pulling; his first tractor was "Walt's Tinker Toy," and his second was "Rohr n' Red."

Also preceding him in death were

a son, Robert Dean Rohr, on July 2, 1987; his parents; and two brothers, Ernest Rohr and Laverne Rohr.

Survivors include his wife of Goodland; five sons, Thomas Rohr of Goodland, Roger Skrdlant of Norton, Dale (Rhonda) Skrdlant of Alliance, Neb., Phillip (Sok Yong) Skrdlant of Des Moines, Iowa, and Allen (Nicole) Skrdlant of Buffalo Gap, S.D.; five daughters, Julie Todd of Goodland, Linda (Albert) Foster of Kanorado, Patricia Krien of Greeley, Colo., Paula (Mike) Kear of Hot Springs, S. D., and Jody (Mac) DeHart of Imperial, Neb.; four sisters, Lillian (Mark) Younger of Wichita, Dorinda Ediger of Hutchinson, Ellen Weatherly of Missouri and Jean (Clyde) Roland of Hutchinson; two sisters-in-law, Marie Rohr of Kansas City, Kan., and Karen Rohr of Hutchinson; 24 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the church with Father John Kandathinkara presiding. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Vigil and rosary will be at 6 p.m. tonight at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Walter Rohr Memorial in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

# 4-H news

## Glendale Livewires April meeting

The Glendale Livewires 4-H Club met Monday, April, at the Sherman County 4-H building. The meeting started with roll call: "What is your favorite pizza?" There were 38 members, two leaders and no guests.

Laramie Farris started the group out by singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," followed by the flag salute.

In reports of officers, council members and leaders, Treasurer Kaleb Zwick announced the club's balance, April birthdays were sang to, and Historian Cassie Cooper announced she forgot her camera, so pictures would be taken next month.

Leader Jennifer House talked about the Randy Tupper Memorial and the theme for the club's float. Leader Mary Beth Zwick talked about delivering May Day Baskets and Regional 4-H Results.

In new business, the club voted to donate \$40 to the Randy Tupper Memorial and presented the May Day Baskets bill.

In the program, Cooper Slough gave a demonstration about Magic Muck. Stetson Johnson gave a project talk about goats and his fence for them. TJ Freeman gave a

project talk on photography, and Cy Paxton gave an "Other" about how to make a fire-proof balloon. For recreation, Evin Berquist had the club play TV tag.

Refreshments were served by the Paxton and Kennedy families.

## May meeting

The monthly meeting for the Glendale Livewires 4-H Club on Monday began with a roll call of "Are you ready for summer?" Roll Call was followed by the flag salute. There were 23 members, two leaders and no guests.

The previous minutes were approved as read.

There were no communications. In reports of officers, council members and leaders, Treasurer Kaleb Zwick announced the club's balance. Reporter Ellie House announced that last month's report had been typed and sent to the newspaper.

Cheer Person Jesse Cooper sang to May birthdays. Historian Lacie Cowan said that she forgot her camera and that she would take the pictures some other time.

There was no unfinished business or new business.

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 10.

Submitted by Club Reporter Ellie House.

# matters of record

## Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds: Ignatz Szperra Jr. to Dallas M. Eckhardt and Patricia A. Eckhardt, SE/4 Sec. 11, T9S R38W.

Agnes Griffiths Cutshaw to Agnes Cutshaw, Trustee Survivor's Trust 14.892 percent, Agnes Cutshaw, Trustee Bypass Trust 59.568 percent and Shirley and Robert Lee 25.54 percent, E/2 Sec. 1, T6S R37W.

Agnes Griffiths Cutshaw of Santa Cruz County, Calif., to Agnes Cutshaw, Trustee Survivor's Trust 14.892 percent, Agnes Cutshaw, Trustee Bypass Trust 59.568 percent and Shirley and Robert Lee 25.54 percent, SE/4 Sec. 13, T6S R37W.

H. Deon Trader and Elaine E. Harper to Schyler D. Goodwin, W15' Lot 3, block of Lot 4 and E20' of Lot 5, Block 49, original town of Goodland.

Western Uniform & Towel Service, Inc. to Plains Properties Inc., Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, Block 7, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

Paige A. Harper to L.J. Owens Jr. and Sondra J. Owens, S/2 Sec. 10, T9S R38W and W/2 Sec. 11, T9S R38W.

Sharon A. Adams and Charles L. Adams of Travis County, Texas, to L.J. Owens Jr. and Sondra J. Owens, S/2 Sec. 10, T9S R38W and W/2 Sec. 11, T9S R38W.

Sandra K. Elliott and Steven B. Elliott of Bell County, Texas, to L.J. Owens Jr. and Sondra J. Owens, S/2 Sec. 10, T9S R38W and W/2 Sec. 11, T9S R38W.

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  1. Small racing vehicle
  5. African title of respect
  10. Talks
  14. Lined up side by side
  15. Serge \_\_, Russian choreographer
  16. Herbaceous plant
  17. Whine
  18. Waking mechanism
  19. Make angry
  20. Presidential candidate
  23. Wine (French)
  24. Military program to avoid capture
  25. Unsupported
  30. Any bone of the ankle or heel
  34. Substitute
  35. Indian groom
  36. Begrudge
  37. Selfs
  39. Type of health insurance
  41. Days (Spanish)
  42. Container for serving food
  43. South American Indian
  46. The 22nd Greek letter
  47. Accumulate on the surface of
  50. Eskimo pelt
  52. A Spanish river
  54. River in S. Italy
  55. Husband of 20 across
  63. District in Uganda
  64. African nation
  65. River in Florence
  66. Mineral
  67. Located or occurring within
  68. Ballerina skirt
  69. \_\_ ak: mouse sound
  70. Make up a stanza
  71. Longest division of geological time

### CLUES DOWN

  1. The 11th Hebrew letter
  2. Wild sheep of N. Africa
  3. Parker House specialty
  4. Boxcars
  5. Cajole
  6. Skilled in deception
  7. From a distance
  8. Lawmen of the ATF
  9. Worn around the arm for decoration
  10. Gathered and stored
  11. Settled down
  12. Cord worn as a tie
  13. Perceived by sight
  21. Afflicts
  22. One of the Gershwins
  25. \_\_ Maryam, 15th C. Ethiopian king
  26. Medical term for chilly
  27. Received thrust (Geology)
  28. Old Austrian money (abbr.)
  29. Slang for trucks with trailers
  31. Make a small cut
  32. Mammal genus
  33. Antibody
  38. Used to tie foot gear
  40. Characterized by unity
  44. Bingo MC's
  45. Jai \_\_, sport
  48. Batter's statistic
  49. Largest S. Am. country
  51. A form of classical music
  53. A citizen of Oman
  55. Wide Area Telephone Service
  56. Mideast country
  57. To Sir With Love singer
  58. Spirit (Moslem legend)
  59. N. Plains Indians
  60. Proper alignment
  61. Upon
  62. Person or place or thing

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