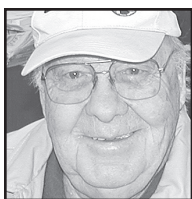


Spring extremely delightful time of the year

I think most gardeners would agree with me that this is an extremely delightful time of the year. Granted, it would be more delightful if the wind would go down. While a freeze or a frost is still a possibility, the last week of April means that the backyard growing season is just about in full swing.

More vegetable and flower seeds will be carefully placed in the ground in the next couple of weeks than at any other time of the year. The garden soil has been freshly turned, the grass is growing and gardeners



kay melia

• the gardener

everywhere are looking forward to another season of wheel barrow loads of home grown food and arm loads of beautiful flowers.

How about you? Are you going to join the increasing number of Americans who will make a

genuine effort to plant, cultivate, irrigate and harvest some of your own food and flower bouquets this year?

Actually, there is still plenty of time to prepare a garden plot or flower bed for planting.

Here in Northwest Kansas, the soil temperatures are just now beginning to edge their way up to the levels that our most important backyard crops are most comfortable accepted.

When soil temperatures reach 60

degrees and above, it's safe to plant most of your favorite annual flowers and be assured they will germinate properly. Still, I would wait another week or 10 days just in case a late spring cold snap surprises us, as it usually does. The same goes for all the warm season vegetables such as green beans, squash, cucumbers, okra, sweet corn and peppers. I would wait until about May 15th to plant cantaloupe seed or set out sweet potato plants, both of which seriously dislike cool soil or cool air.

The beginning gardener must understand that it will not be an easy summer project, but I can think of no other effort that offers more potential satisfaction.

The beauty of the flowers and the quality of the freshly harvested vegetables are of course the goals we attempt to achieve. But there are other pluses involved, including the fresh air, the communing with nature and the sheer physicality of the process.

There will be thousands of Americans who will plant a garden for

the very first time this summer. The so-called recession has prompted large numbers of the citizenry to give it a try. Indeed, there will be disappointments the first time out, but there will also be triumphs. Seek out friends and neighbors, Master Gardeners, or those you know who have been successful in the past years. They would love to offer helpful information and advice.

There is still plenty of time to get started. This weekend would be the best time to make the decision.

Red Cross volunteers do many things

The Northwest Kansas American Red Cross has many volunteers that know the satisfaction of helping others. They know Magic Johnson was right when he said, "You're the only one who can make the difference."

Red Cross volunteers save the day. They provide a place to stay and emotional support when their neighbors are faced with a home fire or other disaster such as a tornado. They teach lifesaving safety courses such as first aid, CPR, baby sitting and care giving. Some share their talents in our office, at public speaking engagements, on our board, or in the public by coordinating fund-raising efforts. Volunteers connect military families, work at blood drives and, in general, take the actions needed to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

This week is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the selfless gifts of time, money and blood the Red Cross has received from the citizens of the eight counties we serve from the Colby

office: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Wallace, Logan, and Gove. Thank you! Without your gifts the Red Cross could not fulfill its mission. This week, especially, is the time of year we like to publicly thank all our volunteers.

And as we honor those who serve, National Volunteer Week is also a time to invite you to join the Red Cross. If you are not already a volunteer, give them a try. There are many ways to get involved. Red Crossers are people who are trained to perform extraordinary acts in the face of emergencies. Right now people are needed who would like to help coordinate fundraising activities. All money raised from these fund-raising efforts will stay in our local budget and would allow us to continue to respond to local emergencies in northwest Kansas. To explore all the volunteer opportunities and see how you can make a difference in your community, contact the local office at (785) 462-7161. They can help you find the volunteer opportunity that is right for you.

Listen to your customers, share ideas

Are you listening to your customers or just trying to sell something to them?

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jamie morphew

• business tips

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