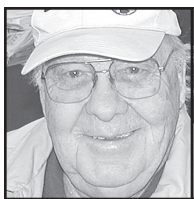


One season ends, the next one beginning

One season ends, and the next one is just beginning. That's the way it is in life. And no matter what type of gardening has you under its spell, that's the way it is with the outdoor growing process.

For all practical purposes, the 2010 gardening season is over. For most of us, it has been a productive year and we are grateful that our efforts of the past season paid off handsomely. But we must realize that while October is just about the end of the road, it also should be the beginning of next year's expectations. In every instance, the things



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we do with our garden plots in October will show either good or bad results next year. If you allow that plot to just lie there from now until planting time next year, bad things are likely to happen with next year's production. But if you will do some soil building in October and November, your chances of "bin bust-

ing" crops next summer are greatly enhanced. Right now, or just as soon as you can clear the garden plot of last year's growth, we must begin to plow or spade great gobs of organic material as deep into the soil as possible. That material will "cook" all winter by means of the freezing and thawing process and will add untold amounts of nutrients to the soil. You must do it before the ground freezes, which generally happens before December 15th or slightly later. You

will be simple amazed at the results next spring.

I plow in mostly leaves, of which there are tons and tons available now. They will biodegrade more quickly than other materials. Grass clippings are also nice. I also chop last summer's sweet corn stalks and plow them in and I mow the old bean plants and old potato vines as well as anything that produced so well last summer. Tomato vines are the exception. Those will be burned as soon as they dry out. Just about everything else is fair game. It doesn't matter what kind of soil you

have; sandy consistency, rock-hard clay or loam, the procedure is the same. Plow in two or three inches of material now, water it well and then add some rotted manure or old hay or straw. Water it deeply again and then sit back and let Mother Nature do the rest.

Instead of a highly compacted seed bed next spring, you will enjoy a rich, pliable, workable, good-smelling soil just oozing with nutrients and probably dozens and dozens of earthworms who have been doing their part to make your plot even richer. Do not underesti-

mate the value of the soil building procedure that should take place in the next five or six weeks. There is no other way to attain top production in your garden next year.

And so I bid you a fond farewell for the season and thank you for reading my words for the 39th time in 2010. I always enjoy visiting with you about gardening, whether in person or otherwise and do not hesitate to ring my phone if you just want to talk about growing things. Or email me a vkmelia@yahoo.com. Have an enjoyable winter!

Health insurance informational meetings to be held by commission

Sandy Praeger, Commissioner of Insurance, will host health insurance informational meetings in Hays, Overland Park and Wichita in November and December.

The public meetings will focus on the new federal health reform law, health insurance regulation and how health insurance rates are determined.

"These will be educational presentations," Commissioner Praeger said. "We want to tell the audience what the Kansas Insurance Department does and what we are able to do for Kansans regarding health insurance."

Commissioner Praeger and others from the department will present



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the information at each meeting, followed by a question and answer period. The meetings are expected to last no more than two hours each.

"With the federal health reform law now in effect, it's important for Kansas Consumer, Health providers and insurance agents to understand the changes and how the department must deal with them," Commissioner Praeger said. "We also want

to explain how health insurance companies arrive at the premiums for their customers, and how Kansas law determines our regulation of those rates."

At the meetings, Commissioner Praeger will give an overview of the federal Patient

Protection and Affordable Care Act, followed by presentations from department personnel.

The formal session will end with an overview of the health insurance exchanges that go into effect in 2014.

The first meeting will be at noon (Mountain Time) Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Hays Medical Center, Hadley

Conference Rooms, 2220 Canterbury.

The Overland Park meeting will be at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the University of Kansas Edwards campus, Regnier Hall Auditorium, 12600 Quivira Road.

The Wichita meeting will be at noon (Mountain Time) Thursday,

Dec. 9, at Wichita State University Metropolitan Complex, Sudermann Commons, 29th and Oliver.

Kansas consumers with questions now can call the Kansas Insurance Department Consumer Assistance Hotline (in Kansas) at (800) 432-2484.

matters of record

District Traffic
The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

September 3: Robert R. Schwartz, speeding, \$198.50.

Haley K. Gordon, speeding, \$186.50.

Robert E. Owens, unlawful parking, \$180.00.

Kelsey E. Nystrom, unlawful parking, \$186.50.

Danny E. Magruder, Jr., speeding, \$198.50.

September 4: David W. Green, unlawful registration, \$153.50.

Benjamin A. Neitzel, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Jose M. Gomez, speeding, \$207.50.

Terence R. Hopkins, speeding, \$162.50.

Aracely Jacobo-Villeg, speeding, \$228.50; no valid license, \$60.00.

Gregory L. Nemechek, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Roxie A. Neitzel, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Earl B. Greenstreet, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.

September 5: Kevin Benedec, speeding, \$147.50.

Jean C. Dong, speeding, \$147.50.

Gabriella Hope Hiester, speeding, \$153.50.

September 6: Joel E. Berkowitz, speeding, \$198.50.

Roberto Cesarg, speeding, \$225.50.

Andrew J. Vogel, speeding, \$186.50.

Joanna M. Jordan, unlawful parking, \$180.50.

Javier Hernandez-Sanchez, speeding, \$174.50; unlawful use of driver's license, \$80; no valid license, \$60.00.

Robert L. Buchanan, fail to yield at sign, \$168.50.

Richard A. Nelson, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Jaime Ortega, no child seat belt, \$153.50.

September 10: Ryan T. Benenati, speeding, \$180.50.

Jesse A T Bennefield, speeding, \$168.50

September 11: Jack D. Boegel, unlawful parking, \$219.50.

September 12: Kevin J. Frank, speeding, \$174.50.

September 13: Diallo A. Chavez, speeding, \$174.50.

September 14: Robert F. Snyder, speeding, \$192.50.

September 15: Rachael Comeau, speeding, \$174.50.

Lester F. Cress, speeding, \$243.50.

September 16: Thaddeus J. Hahn, no seat belt, \$5.00.

September 17: David G. Farley, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$144.50.

Charles L. Sanders, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$308.50.

September 18: David M. Hawkins, speeding, \$207.50.

September 19: Monica R. Garcia, speeding, \$288.50.

September 22: Keith L. Coon, connecting and safety equipment of towing vehicles, \$293.50.

September 24: Riley J. Oharah, no seat belt, \$60.00.

Hannah Schlosser, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Dave Smith, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Sheila Smith, no seat belt, \$5.00.

September 25: Miron J. Gtowick, speeding, \$186.50.

September 26: Anthony L. Earich, over weight limits on wheels and axles, \$198.50.

September 27: Donald G. Hillberg, speeding, \$170.

October 3: George Carl D. Annunzio, no seat belt, \$5.00.

October 4: Kobi Oneil, speeding, \$273.50.

Marriages and Divorces
The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Marriages
Steven Craig Johnson and Brandy Leigh Quinlan, Goodland.

William Joesph Pearsall and Lori Ann Ray, Goodland.

Oura Bradford Garrett and Amanda Kaye Kreutzer, Goodland.

Divorces
Bryan K. Varney, Barton County, KS, and Lisa Lynette Varney, Sherman County.

Steven K. Moyer and Jessica M. Moyer, Sherman County.

Michael H. Tompkins and Kimberly J. Tompkins, Sherman County.

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Word of Life 10th & Clark • 899-5250 Pastor: Jason and Beverly Trupp 10 a.m. - Worship Celebration and Kids' Church Life Groups - call for times and locations www.wordoflifefoursquare.org A Foursquare Gospel Church	Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 100 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70 Pastor: Perry Baird 890-3375 Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m.
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United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST Winona: Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST	First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233 Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer Class - Noon Pastor Carol's Class 5:45 p.m. www.goodlandfcdcc.org
Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Bob Willis Third & Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:50 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.	Goodland United Methodist Church 1116 Sherman 899-3631 Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages
First Baptist Church Pastor: Travis Blake 1121 Main 890-3450 Sunday: Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center	St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969 Priest: Father Hal Lycett Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday Daily Morning Prayer For emergencies 890-6969
Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jerry Nowack Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m.
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