

# Weather favorite topic of gardeners, everyone

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 I greatly value the input of my loyal, faithful, veteran readers... all five of you. So, in an attempt to please you, I decided to write something different this week. I wanted to write about something with wide appeal to all gardeners, and so I asked my regulars to come up with a subject that has universal interest. And by a vote of three to two, their decision was...THE WEATHER!! After last week's big blow, it would



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seem that the weather is on nearly everyone's mind these days, not just gardeners

Just about all my life, I have talked about the weather on the radio, or heard other people talk about it. "When the wind is in the east,

it's not fit for man or beast."  
 "It's an ill wind that blows no good."  
 "If you don't like the weather now, just wait a few minutes."

In 1949, Marcellus Cox observed that "One way to help the weather make up it's mind is to hang the wash on the line." (You old timers may need to explain to the youngsters about the days when we hung the wash on the line.)

Weather forecasters are often the target of displeasure when they miss the mark, which seldom happens anymore. Forecasting the weather these days is a science and thousands of times more accurate than when I was a kid. People used to say that the forecasters were "flying by the seat of their pants, whatever that means. Jean Paul Kaufmann wrote that "the economy depends about as much on economists as the weather depends on forecasters."

Charles Dudley Warner wrote

this in an editorial in the "Hartford (Conn.) Courant" on August 24, 1897. Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Mark Twain later used Warner's observation in his speeches.

Mark Twain DID have this to say in 1876. (No, I wasn't there to hear the speech.) He said, "The weather gets through more business in the spring than any other season. In the spring, I have counted one hundred and thirty six different kinds of

weather inside of 24 hours."  
 I like what Sir Anthony Helps wrote in his book, "Companions of My Solitude." "To be sure, there was chilliness in the air, but if you walked with vigor and said it was a charming morning, it would probably become so."

I appreciate your "weathering" today's column. No question about it, the weather, hot or cold, wet or dry, windy or calm, plays such an important part in the life of every gardener!

# Seeding cool-season lawns works better in fall

There are several reasons Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue lawns are better seeded in the fall than in the spring.  
 - Some of the most serious lawn weeds such as crabgrass and foxtail emerge in the spring. Since they are warm-season weeds, they will out compete and often crowd out young,



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tender cool-season grasses during the heat of summer.

- The most stressful time of year for cool-season grasses is summer, not winter. Poorly established lawns may die out during the summer because of heat and drought stress.

- A lawn often gets more use during the summer, leading to increased compaction and traffic stress. If an area needs to be established in the spring, sodding is much more likely to be successful than seeding. Sodding provides stronger, more mature plants that are better able to withstand stress and prevent weed

invasion.  
 We are talking about lawns, and the mowing season is here. Remember that dull blades give the lawn a whitish cast. A dull blade does not cut cleanly but rather shreds the ends of the leaf blades. The shredded ends dry out and give the lawn that whitish look. A sharp mower

blade is even more important when the turf starts putting up seed heads in a month or so. The seed head stems are much tougher than the grass blades and more likely to shred. Under normal use, mower blades should be sharpened about every 10 hours of use.

# Theater longest operating in state

**By Ron Wilson**

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Where is the longest continuously operating entertainment venue in the state of Kansas? I might have guessed Kansas City or Leavenworth. But according to the book Kansas Opera Houses, 1855-1925, the longest continuously operating entertainment venue in the state of Kansas is in a rural community -- the town of Phillipsburg. It is the Majestic Theater, which is not only still operating, it is being renovated.

Bridgit Smith is with Phillips County Economic Development, which is helping with the exterior renovation of the Majestic Theater in Phillipsburg. The history of the Majestic Theater was described by Connie Hull and Winnie Broun, daughters of Ralph Winship who built the structure back in 1905.

Ralph Winship built the Winship Opera House upstairs from his general store. This opulent opera house, featuring venetian red walls and gold trim, was the only one in that part of the country. Vaudeville companies from around the nation performed here. Formal dress was the standard, and ladies wore evening gowns.

By 1921, these live performances by traveling companies were being replaced by silent movies. In 1925, Ralph Winship renovated the opera house to show moving pictures on the first floor. It was named the Majestic Theater.

Connie Hull danced and performed in plays on that stage. Her sister Winnie Broun remembers going to silent movies there and sitting on her grandmother's lap while her Grandma read the captions to her. A live pianist played music to accompany the show: Romantic songs when the guy met the girl, sad songs when the heroine died, and so forth. Shows cost 10 and 25 cents and starred people like Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks.

Then, in 1927, silent pictures became talking pictures. The first sound was played from disks, kind of like wax records, but it was hard to synchronize the sound and the picture. Sometimes the actors would say one thing and the audience heard another. Eventually sound tracks came along, as we have today.

After many years of family ownership, in 2000 the Majestic Theater

became a community-owned facility. Under a manager and a board of directors of community volunteers, the theater continues to offer current movies. In fact, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan provided a grant for a new 3D projection system in 2009. However, the physical facility was showing wear and tear.

The theater board, Discover Phillipsburg Main Street, Huck Boyd Foundation, and Phillips County Economic Development discussed how to deal with renovation. The economic development office and Albert Morgan Foundation provided a grant for an architect to work on feasibility plans.

In mid-November 2009, there was good news and bad news. The good news was that Small Community Improvement Program grants were available from the Kansas Department of Commerce. The bad news was that the grant application was due Dec. 4. That left three weeks for the community to write the application, identify volunteers, and raise matching funds. This is a challenge for a rural community like Phillipsburg, population 2,602 people. Now, that's rural.

Connie Hull wrote, "My daddy Ralph Winship ran the theater 56 years. How I would love to see the Majestic Theater brought back to life."

"The community embraced this," Bridgit said. "Volunteers went around to businesses and even the school and nursing home to find supporters." By Dec. 4, the community identified more than 280 willing volunteers, generated more than 50 support letters, and raised more than \$90,000.

Fortunately, much of the preparatory work had already been done. The grant was awarded and the community went to work. An exterior renovation is now underway and a new marquee will soon be installed. To celebrate this milestone, community leaders held a ceremony - not a ribbon cutting, but a film cutting. The person doing the honors was the 86-year-old daughter of Ralph Winship, Connie Hull.

So where is the longest continuously operating entertainment venue in the state of Kansas? Yes, it is the Majestic Theater in Phillipsburg. We commend the members of the Ralph Winship family and all those who are making a difference by supporting this renovation project. I think it is majestic.

# Worship warms the heart



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**Pastor:** Randy Payne  
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 Morning Service: 10 am  
 Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.  
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[www.calvarygospel.net](http://www.calvarygospel.net)

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**Pastor:** Father Norbert Diabal  
 307 W. 13th • 890-7205  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment  
**Mass Schedule:**  
 Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am  
**Spanish Mass:**  
 Sunday: 12:30 pm

## 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.  
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**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
 Morning Service: 11:30 a.m.  
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study Service 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursdays:** Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

## Bible Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Clifford Middlebrooks  
 Fifth & Broadway  
 890-7368  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
 Morning Service: 10 a.m.  
 Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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**Sacrament Meeting:** 10 a.m.  
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**Priesthood/Relief Society:** 12 a.m.

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**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 a.m.

## United Methodist Church Brewster

**Pastor:** Dorine Chambers  
 Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST  
**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  
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**Sunday:** Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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**Wednesday:** Prayer Class - Noon  
 Pastor Carol's Class 5:45 p.m.  
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## Kanorado United Methodist Church

**Pastor:** Leonard Cox  
 399-2468  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

## 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.

## Word of Life

10th & Clark  
 1-888-781-3450  
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**Services:** (to be announced)  
 A Foursquare Gospel Church

## Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

## 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  
 Thursday morning  
**Daily Morning Prayer**  
 For emergencies 890-6969

## Harvest Evangelical Free Church

521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423  
**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg  
**Sunday:** Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday:**  
 Senior High 6:30 p.m. at church  
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[www.goodlandefree.com](http://www.goodlandefree.com)

## Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jerry Nowack  
**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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13th & Sherman • 890-6161  
**Pastor:** Darian Hybl  
**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship:  
 10:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 9 a.m.

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