

Every September gardeners give up for year

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Every September, along about autumnal equinox time, about the time the garden has decided to give up for the season, I make a serious effort to do a little reviewing of what actually happened out there the last few months. For years, I've written down some "do's and don'ts" so that I will have some idea of what to do next season. And I think it's important that I make these notes at about the same time each year. If I don't make an effort to account for the past season, I will surely forget



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about what happened when things get rolling next spring.

So, I write down some things about my failures as well as some things that seemed to go well out in the backyard this summer. My most notable failure this year was green beans. So how, you might ask, could you possibly have a green bean

failure? I'm not real sure myself, although a light hailstorm that came through about the time they were emerging might have been the culprit. They just never seemed to recover.

My onions weren't very good either. That same small hailstorm seemed to damage the onions more than the rest of the crops, breaking off many of the brittle leaves that were flourishing at the time. The problem seemed to come later when nearly half of the mature bulbs I

pulled at harvest time showed signs of rot from the top to the bottom of the bulb. My garden had a couple of three-inch rains on it, so perhaps overwatering may have been too much for them, but I still don't think you can water onions too much.

So, here are my top five successes in this year's garden.

1. Potatoes! Best crop I've ever had in my garden, and I give full credit to the leaf mulch I applied very deeply when the plants were only 6 or 8 inches tall. I also found a new variety this year, a white one named Dakota Crisp.

2. Peppers. I planted 20 pepper plants last spring all of which I had started myself, and mulched them heavily when I set them out. I set out five each of Mucho Nacho jalapenos, Biggie Chili Anaheims, Flavorburst sweet bells, and the new little Cajun Bell. All produced wonderfully, and still are.

3. Cantaloupe. Good production from both the Ambrosia, and the big Early Hybrid Crenshaw, the latter from Burpee.

4. Cabbage. A great crop of Megaton, enough for two small crocks filled with enough cabbage for lots

of sauerkraut.

5. Beets. After 2 straight years of failure, a bountiful crop of nice Red Ace variety, more than enough for canning and for some of that special Red Relish.

Those were my best this year, due mainly to great gobs of mulch, the most productive varieties, and timely rainfall. Overall, I felt the garden was about average when compared to years past, and I'm still picking tomatoes and peppers and still digging beets and carrots. Frost is surely just around the corner!

Increasing seeding rate can make up for late planting

By: Jeanne Falk
Kansas State Sunflower District Agronomist

When planting later in the season, increasing the seeding rate could exponentially compensate for the reduced number of tillers from an individual wheat plant. A study was conducted at the Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby to determine if it is possible to receive all or most of the highest potential yields on late-planted wheat by altering seeding rates.

Beginning in 2008, TAM 111

was planted Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7. On each planting date each year, plots were planted at 60, 90, 120 and 150 pounds per acre. Eighty pounds of nitrogen and 30 pounds of phosphorus per acre were applied to the study area prior to planting.

The study indicated that although yield potential is reduced by planting wheat after the optimum window for a given area, some of the potential yield can be recovered by increasing the seeding rate. In the fall of 2008 and 2009 when wheat

was planted on Sept. 26 and Oct. 10, wheat yields were similar across the planting rates of 60, 90, 120 and 150 pounds per acre. However, when wheat was planted on Oct. 24 or Nov. 7, the lowest yield for that date was observed with the 60 pounds per acre seeding rate and a stair-step increase was observed with the 90,

120 and 150 pounds per acre seeding rates on these dates.

"But it is important to note, that although the 150 pounds per acre seeding rate on Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 had the highest yield for that date, that yield was not as much as wheat planted during the more optimum planting period for the area on Sept.

26 to Oct. 10," said Northwest Area Agronomist Brian Olson.

In the first two years (2008-09 and 2009-10), moisture was adequate and emergence, development and yields were consistent, Olson said. But just like for producers in western Kansas, dry conditions during fall 2010 impeded the researchers'

efforts. After an irrigation event at the end of October 2010, the all of the wheat emerged, regardless of planting date. This illustrates the fact that no matter when the wheat is planted, the potential yield is based on when it comes up!

Site allows anyone to document impact

The National Drought Mitigation Center has come up with a way to let anyone affected by drought to record and document the direct impacts that drought is having on their lives and livelihoods.

"The Drought Impact Reporter <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu> gives everyday citizens, from golf course managers to farmers to landscapers to homeowners the opportunity to provide direct input into the Drought Monitor process," said Kansas climatologist Mary Knapp.

The website provides a means of recording loss for disaster programs and allows for documentation of the current event in order to make future comparisons.

Visitors to the site can also learn about the limitations of current mitigation programs, said Knapp, who oversees the Kansas Weather Data Library www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl, based at Kansas State University. More information about Kansas drought conditions and other weather information is available at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl.

rotary

The Goodland Rotary Club met Friday in the meeting room of the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union. Club president, Marty Melia, called the meeting to order with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Accompanied on the piano by Linda Koon, everyone joined in singing "America the Beautiful" as well as "Our Boys Will Shine." Melia welcomed 23 members and guest, Mike Miller.

Trevor Linton, committee chairman for the Second Annual Rotary Ringneck Roundup, gave a report on the upcoming event. Additional acres continue to be signed-up for this opening weekend pheasant hunt fundraiser. Members are encouraged to volunteer with the placing of signs to mark the 40,000 plus acres. The club is making available a number of individual hunts for charitable organizations to auction off or give as prizes. Interested parties should contact Trevor.

Rotarian of the Day, Chet Ross, was introduced and gave a program to refresh the membership on what it means to live a "Rotary Life." The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

Ross asked everyone to reflect on what they do individually to help their community. Because the clubs ability to continue with past and future service projects depends on a strong membership, Ross encouraged the members to approach others in the community with the opportunity to visit the club and perhaps become members as well. Pointing out that women were not accepted into membership in Rotary International until 1987, Ross said the organization continues to evolve and new members should be sought from all ages, professions and job classifications.

In closing, Ross emphasized the importance of attending the weekly meetings. However, it is possible to make-up meetings at a club in another town, or even at an internet only club.

A donation of The Brain Game book will be given to the Goodland Regional Medical Center in honor of Chet Ross for presenting the program. These books are then given to new parents before leaving the hospital to aide them in raising their newborn.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome and encouraged to attend next Friday's meeting at Northwest Tech, starting at noon. Rotarian of the Day will be Royal Reid.

ruleton eager beavers

The Sunday, Sept. 11, monthly meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beavers was called to order with 16 members, four leaders and 10 guests answering roll call of "What I Exhibited at the Fair." The reporter gave a report. There were six birthday awards given. Hannah Dechant gave the parliamentary tip that members are not to speak until recognized by the president.

The leaders congratulated all the members for their fair success including receiving 1st place in the fair parade.

Kanorado Day's was discussed and it was decide that we would

serve pork burgers and ? for lunch and enter in the parade "Salute to Kansas."

Annika Linin lead the group in singing the National Anthem. Austin Keim gave a project talk on dog training. Sierra Vandiver gave a project talk on gardening. Caleb Dechant led the group playing freeze tag.

The meeting was adjourned by saying the Club Motto. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 9. Refreshments were provided by the Artzer and Vandiver families.

Submitted by Cody Hooker

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Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
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Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
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Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
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
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Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon
Pastor Carol's Class 5:45 p.m.
www.goodlandfccdoc.org

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
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Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 youth group
Growth groups call for information
www.goodlandbible.org

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.
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Wheatridge Center

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Church 890-2115 or 890-7245
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

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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 the church
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www.goodlandefree.com

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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 eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 a.m.

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401 Caldwell
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