

It is almost time to start garden seedlings

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Comes time now to gather up all the supplies that a dedicated gardener needs to prepare himself (or herself) for one of the most satisfying projects of the entire gardening season. It's a project that we must perform inside, several weeks before we dare venture into the great out-of-doors.

It's almost time to press a few of your favorite variety of seeds into a shallow tray of soilless planting mix, with the confident intention of growing a few of your own transplants. These will be the plants that you set out into the garden at

the proper outdoor planting time. There are several reasons why you should get yourself involved in this procedure that will give you great satisfaction as you become a little more deeply involved in the gardening process.

Are you ready? Here we go! Growing a few of your own transplants allows you to raise that special variety of tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, broccoli, petunia, salvia or

any other bit of special plant life that might not be available elsewhere. Growing your own also gives you the opportunity to "jump start" a new garden season by allowing you to work with seeds and plants as much as a month and a half before you dare plant anything outside.

So, when do you actually begin this procedure? I thought you would never ask. In the case of tomatoes, as an example, we simply get out the calendar. We know we can't plant tomato transplants outside until all danger of frosts has passed. Nobody knows when that is, but the

AVERAGE last frost date in our area is between May 5th and May 10th. So don't plan to transplant tomatoes outside until after May 10th unless you have a sure-fire way to protect them. It takes about 6 weeks to grow a nice sized tomato plant inside, so you count back 6 weeks from May 10th on your trusty calendar and hopefully you see that the magic date is March 29th! Wait a minute. March 29th is a Thursday, Nobody wants to do this on a Thursday, so wait until Saturday or Sunday. Timing isn't that critical in this case, so you might even decide to do it the week before, like on the 24th of March.

Follow the same schedule for

pepper transplants. For cabbage and broccoli, start the seeds a week earlier if you wish. Those two can stand a light frost and can go outside earlier. For petunias and most perennials, they are much slower germinating, so I will plant those tomorrow. Here's what you need to start your own transplants. Obviously, you need the seed of your choice. Pick up a small bag of starting mix at the garden center. Be sure it's starting mix and not potting soil. Do not use regular garden soil or your project will surely fail. Get a plastic tray, also at the garden center, to hold your starting mix, or use any type of plastic pan you have lying around the house or garage.

Wet the starting mix in the tray thoroughly. With the sharp end of your pencil, punch holes in the mix about a quarter of an inch deep. Drop a seed into each hole and cover with your fingers. Place the seed tray on a plate or in a pan and set the pan in a warm room. Watch very closely for the emergence of the young plants and then put them into bright light, but not direct sunlight. Keep water in the plate or pan holding the seed tray so that the seeds and young plants can receive moisture from below. Inquire, if you wish, about some grow lights for your project. Good light, all day, after emergence, is the secret to success.

Church grows, adds services

Calvary Gospel, 402 College, is offering two identical Sunday morning services. They are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The additional service is caused by growth and people coming from two time zones.

Addition coffee shop style tables and seating is being added just inside the main auditorium to create a comfortable lobby type environment popular with newcomers, young families and senior adults. The area is tailored to be included in the worship environment and enhance the before and after service interaction.

"It is our desire to make the worship experience as convenient and pleasant as possible," say senior pastors Randy and Mary Payne. "With two worship times, new seating options and greater combined capacity we look forward to serving our community even better."

Calvary Gospel was chartered in 1946 and is part of the Evangelistic Missionary Fellowship of churches. An auxiliary youth facility, the RockHouse, is at 6th and Caldwell.

For information call (785) 890-3605 or calvary@st-tel.net.

Brewster to have wild game banquet, speaker

A wild game banquet will be held at the Brewster Community High School gym on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time). There will be a wide variety of wild game such as buffalo burgers, pheasant, turkey, alligator, moose, caribou, just to name a few. There

will also be fish served such as shark, carp and others.

Secretary of State Kris Kobach of Kansas will be the speaker on current issues that pertain to our U.S. Constitution and personal lives.

You don't need to bring anything. All the usual fare will be supplied by those involved, but if you have a dish you want to bring that would fine.

RSVP if possible (785) 694-2720 leave message (785) 899-5931

rotary

The Goodland Rotary Club met for their regular weekly meeting at the Northwest Kansas Technical College meeting room. After the noon meal, President Marty Melia called the meeting to order. Birthday greetings were given to club members Donna Price and Doug Sederstrom. Visiting Rotarian Larry Dreiling was acknowledged. Dreiling is a member of the Hays Rotary club, and is an editor for the High Plains Journal.

Melia congratulated the NWKS Tech College on their recent award from the Huck Boyd Institute. Rotarian Dr. Ed Mills, president of the College gave a brief summary of the awards ceremony held Wednesday in Manhattan.

Discussion was given regarding the upcoming Run For The Wall, coming through Goodland on May 18-20. The Goodland Rotarians will be again providing a Sunday morning breakfast for the participating riders.

The meeting was turned over to the Rotarian of the day, Goodland City Manager Doug Gerber. Ger-

ber discussed some of the current issues and projects that the city is working on, including the ongoing city/county fire department merger discussions. Gerber discussed water issues, including the need to raise water rates somewhat to continue help with rebuilding the city's water delivery infrastructure. Gerber noted that the rates will still be well below Kansas statewide averages. Gerber said that work will begin this spring on replacing the old main street cobblestones with new brick. Gerber concluded his presentation by announcing that the City Commission may soon be seeking a new Commissioner to replace Commissioner Chris Zimmerman, who will be moving out of the county.

After the weekly drawing, the meeting was adjourned. Next regular meeting will be Friday, March 2. Any visitors and those interested in joining Rotary are welcome to attend.

Marty Melia, Club President

Worship warms the heart



Calvary Gospel Church

Pastor: Randy and Mary Payne

Fourth & College • 890-3605

Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am

Morning Service: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month

Wednesday: Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m.

during school year

Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.

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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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Pastor: Rick Holmes • 890-7082

225 W. 16th

(785) 890-7944

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

1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO

(719) 346-7984

Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo

Spanish Speaking Church

Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.

1601 Texas • 899-5275

Daily Prayer: Sunday thru

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

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.

Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon

Pastor Carol's Class 5:30 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.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Celebrant: Father Don Martin

13th & Center

Church 890-2115 or 890-7245

Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Celebrant: Father Norbert Dlabal

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

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 the church

Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church

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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

Pastor: Darian Hybl

Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 a.m.

Church of Christ

401 Caldwell

890-6185

Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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