

Spring marks the beginning of gardening

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It's the week we've waited all winter for! Spring is here. Rototillers are receiving special attention. Garden hose leaks are being patched. Radish and lettuce seeds are jumping off the seed racks. The National Weather Service people are keeping an eye out for a cloud... any kind of a cloud that might bring us a bit of much-needed moisture.

I would guess that a number of gardeners all over the High Plains took advantage of the unusually warm weather of the last couple of weeks and proceeded to bury a few



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seeds. In my opinion, it's still a little early to do that, but when you have three or four straight days of near 80 degree temperatures this time of year, it's the natural thing for a gardener to do. And really, there are a few of the so-called cool weather crops that thrive when planted in a cool soil.

Take peas for instance. Peas must

be planted early in the season so that they can reach maturity before the hot weather kicks in. They'll sprout in soils that are as cool as 40 degrees, and most varieties require at least 60 days growing time until that first picking. When you consider the fact that we usually have some 90 degree temperatures by June 10th when peas simply will not produce, then the earlier the better to get them in the ground. Much the same scenario plays out for spinach, radishes and lettuce. All

the aforementioned crops can safely withstand a light frost, including onion plants. Potatoes? I'll wait until about April 15 to plant those, and hope for no frost after they emerge. I am very much aware that many good gardeners plant potatoes in mid-March, and then watch them freeze back a couple of times. Usually, they recover nicely from that, but I prefer to wait a couple of weeks and not have to worry about them. To each his own.

On the other hand, we MUST wait until after the 1st of May to plant all those warm weather crops, after soil temperatures reach at least 60 de-

greens and preferably 65 to 70. We're talking cucumbers, tomato plants, peppers, green beans, okra, sweet corn, cantaloupes and of course, those poor old zucchini.

In the book I wrote several years ago, the final chapter listed my "Don't Do That's" that offer some important rules for a new gardening season. Here they are:

1. Don't choose a low lying area for your garden plot.
2. Don't plow your garden plot when the soil is too wet.
3. Don't plant a garden that is larger than you can take care of.
4. Don't plant most of your gar-

den too early

5. Don't plant the seeds too thickly.

6. Don't plant the seeds too deeply.

7. Don't move your transplants into the garden without a proper "hardening off" period.

8. Don't mulch your growing plants too early.

9. Don't water your plants too much or too often.

10. Don't plant the same thing every year...try a new variety.

It is indeed an exciting time of the year! Enjoy!

It's a good time to remove dead from grasses

Now is a good time to remove dead foliage from ornamental grasses. Grasses green up earlier if foliage is removed and are more attractive without a mixture of dead and live leaves.

A number of tools can be used including hand clippers, weed whips (if the foliage is of a small enough diameter), weed whips with a circu-



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lar blade, or even a chain saw.

Use the top of the chainsaw bar to cut so the saw doesn't pull in debris and clog.

Also, it is often helpful to tie foliage together before cutting so it doesn't interfere and is easier to dispose of.

Burning is another option - but only if it is safe and legal to do so. Note that these grasses may not burn long, but they burn extremely hot.

Even so, the crown of the plant is not damaged and new growth appears relatively quickly.

If the center of the clump shows little growth, the plant would benefit from division.

Dig up the entire clump and separate. Then replant the vigorous growth found on the outer edge of the clump.

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Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds.

Thomas G. Livengood and Penny Livengood, Trustees of the Thomas G. Livengood Trust dated August 22, 2006, to Timothy D. Livengood, the S/2 of Sec. 11, T10S, R42W.

Douglas E. Gerber and Coda Michele Gerber convey and warrant to Curtis L. and Beverly E. Hurd Revocable Inter Vivos Trust dated November 6, 2000, Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 26, Third Addition to City of Goodland.

Charles W. McClone and Leslie A. McClone, co-trustees of the McClone Family 1993 Revocable Trust to Jill M. Deeds, the SW/4 of Sec. 2, T6S, R37W.

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Joyce Dempewolf, co-trustees of the Dempewolf Family Revocable Trust dated Audust 24, 1993 to Jill M. Deeds, the SW/4 of Sec. 2, T6S, R37W.

Walter N. Adams and Elizabeth B. Adams convey and warrant to MAS LLC, Lots 4 and 5, Block 22, Second Addition to City of Goodland, and Lots 6 and 7, Block 22, Second Addition to City of Goodland.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Jackie Wayne Doyle and Melva Lea Doyle, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 11, First Sub-division to the first Addition to the City of Goodland.

Loretta A. Boyington, Trustee of the John W. Boyington Revocable Trust UTD 1/26/1995 to Gary Forsythe, a tract of land in NW/4 of NW/4 of Sec. 29, T8S, R39W.

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Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks

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Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO

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Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

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Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.

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Saturday: 5 a.m. & 6 p.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

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Minister: Sheryl Johnson

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Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

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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

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Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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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:

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Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am

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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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1160 Cattletrail

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Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Darian Hybl

Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 a.m.

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401 Caldwell

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