

Family

Transplants need to be started soon

Last week, I began to lead you through the process of starting a few of your own transplants at home from seed and then setting them out in the garden at the proper time. I ran out of space before I finished the story, so lets try to wrap it up today.

As I check the calendar, it will soon be time to get the ball rolling on this enjoyable and productive project, and I hope more of you will give it a try.

So you’ve bought the tomato, pepper, cabbage or broccoli seed of your choice, as well as a bag of soilless starting mix. You’ll also need a planting tray or pan of some kind, perhaps like the plastic tray your petunias cam in last year or any kind of plastic pan that has drainage holes in the bottom. Fill the tray with planting mix and wet it down thoroughly. Then, with the point of a pencil, make a shallow hole in the wet mix about every half-inch. Make as many holes as you have seeds or as many as you think you want plants to set outside. Drop a seed into each of the holes and close them with your thumb and forefinger. Mark the tray to show what you have planted and when. Tomato plants should emerge in about a week. Pepper plants take longer, maybe two weeks, and all pepper seeds will not sprout at once. Cabbage and broccoli seed sometimes comes up in three days.

At this point, check the plantings daily to see if seedlings are poking their heads through the mix. Now comes the most critical aspect of the entire project.

Just as soon as the plants begin to emerge, put the tray in an extremely well-lighted area. Don’t place the tray in direct sunlight, just bright light. These tiny seed-



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

lings must have almost 12 hours of bright light daily or they’ll grow into tall, spindly little plants that likely won’t survive.

A commercial or homemade “grow light,” consisting of a couple of florescent bulbs as in a shop light, makes an excellent environment for those tender seedlings, perhaps rigged up in the basement. Add as little water as possible at first, but don’t let them dry out too much. No fertilizer is needed right now. I’ve found that a south-facing window will give you the light you need to nurse the plants along. Turn the tray daily so the plants will grow straight.

As soon as the seedlings grow their first true set of leaves, transplant them to their own individual plastic or sphagnum moss cell and continue to give them lots of light and sufficient moisture. I occasionally add a bit of water-soluble plant food when the plants are four or five inches tall, particularly if they begin to show a yellow cast. But don’t overdo it.

Hey, you can do this! This is a great early-season garden project. It probably won’t save you a whole lot of money, but if you are a dedicated gardener, it will fulfill your need to branch out and try other things.

I also start a tray or two of Wave petunias each year, and some snapdragons and columbines. With today’s tools to work with, you can do some different things that you may not have wanted to try a few years ago.

Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 29 members and guests, including Tom and Kathy Peyton and Michelle Peters.

Peyton was inducted into club membership.

President Jerry Arensdorf announced Clarissa Unger as a scholarship recipient for outgoing graduate students. Unger, the daughter of Rotarian Marilyn Unger, will attend graduate school at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, for the 2010-2011 academic year.

For the program, Wayne Horlacher talked about recycling.

Horlacher is a board member of the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization, which covers Thomas, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sheridan, Logan, Gove and Scott counties. He said companies from Hutchinson and Topeka pick up the recyclable materials, and the organization receives market value. Horlacher noted they will be able to recycle clothing and shoes soon.

Nick Wells won Roto-Lotto. The club meets at noon each Tuesday at the college.

— Relda Galli



Jeffrey Ryan Endsley and Alanea Kate Phillips

March rite planned

Alanea Kate Phillips and Jeffrey Ryan Endsley of El Dorado plan to marry Saturday, March 20, at Beth Eden Baptist Church in Wichita.

Parents of the bride are James and Judy Phillips of Pratt. Grandparents are the late Eleanor and Kim Phillips of Colby.

Alanea is a 2005 graduate of Pratt High School and a 2009 graduate of Emporia State University with a degree in elementary education. She teaches first

grade at Walnut Elementary in Emporia.

The groom’s parents are Connie Endsley and the late Bill Endsley of Wichita.

Jeffrey is a 2005 graduate of Wichita West High School and attends Butler County Community College. He is a quality control supervisor for BG Products in El Dorado.

The couple plans to live in El Dorado.

Arizona Great Dane is tallest

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A 250-pound blue Great Dane from Arizona gives new meaning to the term “big dog.”

Guinness World Records says Giant George from Tucson is the tallest dog ever.

Guinness said Monday that he stands 3 feet, 7 inches tall from paw to shoulder, three-quarters of an inch taller than his closest rival — Titan, a white Great Dane from

San Diego.

The 4-year-old Titan took the title of world’s tallest dog in 2009 after Gibson, a Great Dane from Grass Valley, Calif., died of bone cancer.

Guinness officials say there were conflicting reports about Giant George’s height, so they sent a judge to verify it.

The 4-year-old is owned by David Nasser.

Corrections

A photo caption on Page 7 in the Friday, March 5, *Colby Free Press* incorrectly said the player pictured was Mark Winger. It was his son, Chaz Winger. This was a reporting error.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Tuesday were first, Mary Kersenbrock; second, Mary Molstad; third, Gail Vacca; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Margaret Denmeler.

Deaths

Cletes Wranosky

Cletes Wranosky, 92, Colby, a retired legal secretary, and aunt of Vernon L. (Linda) Wranosky II of Colby, died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

She was born Nov. 21, 1917, the daughter of Edward and Emma (Fencl) Wranosky, in Washington County, where she was raised. She attended Haddam High School and business school in Topeka. For most of her adult life, she was a legal secretary in Wichita.

She was a member of the Methodist church, a business sorority and many social organizations. Her favorite pastimes included traveling, quilting, writing letters to family and friends and reading. In recent years, she lived at the Colby Care Center.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Vernon and Lyle Wranosky; and a sister, Do-

reen Kalivoda.

Survivors also include several other nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Haddam Cemetery in Washington County, with Pastor Randy Jellison-Knock officiating.

The family suggests memorials in her name in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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WHITNEY COLETTE ADAMS

Small Sample

I plan to attend Colby Community College and play softball

PARENTS:
Richard & Peggy Adams

*It's been a real hoot, Whitney go get em girl, and Godspeed.
Love, Mom & Dad*

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