

Family

Look for 'surprise' when picking bulbs

It had to be at least 15 years ago that someone gave me a nice-looking flower bulb, and when I inquired as to what kind of bulb it was, the answer was something like, "Just plant it in your perennial garden and expect a surprise next summer."



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

I dutifully planted the bulb about this time of year, and watched with interest when it emerged in the spring, about the same time as the allium plant nearby. Before I knew it, I had a very healthy light green plant that was really quite nice. And then, without producing a single bud, let alone a flower, the foliage began to die back and I forgot about the nice little bulb that someone had given me.

An then, toward the end of August, something almost magical happened. On a single stalk, a gorgeous pink flower appeared where that bulb had been planted last spring, the one I had given up as dead. The bloom was four or five inches across. The plant has bloomed every year at about the same time, always a surprise, thus the reason for assigning the name Surprise Lily to this wonderful bit of horticulture.

Most of us know now that they are called "Lycoris," although some flower catalogs list them only as Surprise Lilies. In my opinion, they are the most incredible beautiful, fragrant flowers you can grow, despite the fact that they are only with us for a week or 10 days. They are now available in

several other colors, and are said to be much more viable now than they were a decade and a half ago when I planted mine. I will plant three more this fall.

Indeed, it is almost bulb planting time. I say almost, because I prefer to wait until about the first of November before planting the spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths or daffodils.

Always buy the largest bulbs you can find if you expect to see large flowers the first year. Smaller bulbs will probably bloom next spring, but flowers will be smaller, at least for the first year.

And while you're at this bulb-planting procedure, go down to the supermarket and buy a large bulb of garlic. Separate the cloves from the bulb and plant yourself a row of nature's favorite flavoring agent for your cooking and pickling pleasure next summer.

It is better to buy the bulbs of garlic that are sold as seed, but they are sometimes hard to find and are much more expensive. Plant the cloves about three inches deep in damp soil just about any time now, and the green tip of the growing plant will be absolutely the first growing thing you will see in your garden next spring.

Kansas essay contest seeks entries on state

Kansas students in grades 8 to 12, can compete for a cash prize in the annual essay contest, "Kansas! Say It Above a Whisper," sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

The contest is judged by a panel of staff members at the Kansas Historical Society. The judges look for originality, creativity and sincerity in expressing pride in the state.

Kansas newspaperwoman Mamie Boyd, whose family provides the award, coined the contest title.

Past essays have described interesting and strong-hearted people of Kansas, the state's vast grain fields and grasslands, diversity in its population, the state's unique beauty, and the emotions and pride called to mind by that

beauty. Essays, limited to 250 words (about one double-spaced typewritten page), must be submitted by e-mail no later than Wednesday, Dec. 1, to Vicky Henley at membership@kshs.org. In subject, type "Boyd Essay Contest."

The winner will be announced at the annual meeting of the Native Sons in Topeka on Friday, Jan. 28, the day before the state's 150th birthday. First-prize winner in 2009 was Emma McElhany of Clay County Community High.

Entries will be turned over to the Historical Society for preservation.

Questions should be directed to Henley, executive director of the society, at (785) 272-8681, extension 209.

Florida note found in Ireland

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — A message in a bottle sent by a Florida high school student as part of his marine science class came ashore in Ireland.

Corey Swearingen put the bottle into the Atlantic Ocean in April 2009 and it followed the current to a fishing village in Ireland. A 17-year-old boy and his father found the bottle during a vacation.

Swearingen's former teacher, Ethan Hall, says the bottle's trip probably lasted about 16 months.

In Ireland, the boy and his father responded to the letter, which urged the reader to write with details of where it wound up.

Swearingen told Melbourne newspaper *Florida Today* he didn't expect the bottle to be found.

Deaths

Howard Merlin Andrews

Howard Merlin Andrews, 69, Colby, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

He was born March 3, 1941, at the former St. Thomas Hospital in Colby, to Howard and Daisy (Erwin) Andrews and attended school in Colby.

On Aug. 30, 1962, he married Sharon Lee Hedrick-Petersen in Colby. They had four sons before divorcing in 1979.

In 1962, he began working for the Kansas Department of Transportation, spending nearly 24 years as maintenance supervisor serving Colby, Hoxie, Leoti and Rolla. After retirement, he drove a truck hauling steel from Florida to Canada and from Texas to Colorado. Later, he hauled salt water from oil wells.

On April 3, 1987, he married Margaret Burns of Rolla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, and an infant son, Rodney Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Tyro; three sons, Darren (Janel) and Damon (Jessica) Andrews of Colby and Duskin (Brytta) Andrews, Grandview, Idaho; a brother, Gary Andrews, Hays; a sister, Karel Nelson, Landsdowne, Va.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby, with Pastor Gene Rothfuss officiating. Inurnment will be later in the Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Senior Living Complex, in care of any Colby bank or the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Bridge Club

Tuesday winners at Meadow Lake bridge were first, Elaine Ptacek; second, Jean Snyder; third, Larry Barrets; fourth, Katie Meloni; fifth, Mary Kersenbrock; sixth, Mary Molstad.

Come to concert Tuesday in Rexford

The Rexford Community Church will hold a bluegrass and gospel concert featuring the Williams Family at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Activities for the week at Golden Plains Schools: 4 p.m. Monday, middle school Scholar Bowl at Bird City; Thursday, middle school volleyball and football at Sharon Springs; Friday, high school football at Grainfield.

Golden Plains will not be having school next Monday or on Friday, Oct. 29. Parent-teacher conferences will be from 1 to 8 p.m. next Monday.

The Rexford City Council met Wednesday. Parker Christensen was sworn in as a member.

Happy birthday to Betty Carswell on Friday.

A youth group from Peace Lutheran Church in McCook, Neb., spent Oct. 9 and 10 at the Shepherd's Staff. They played paintball and joined in with the 80 or so Teens for Christ members who were here on Saturday night.

The Shepherd's Staff family movie, "Flubber," was shown Sunday afternoon at the Legion



Vicki Allison

• Rexford Correspondent

Hall on Main Street. There were about a dozen local people there and everyone seemed to enjoy the show. The movies are free and concessions are available.

A correction needs to be mentioned regarding the theft of Keith and Marcy Gilbert's property from Main Street. The item stolen has not been recovered and they are still looking for a 32-inch black flat-panel television.

Mary Luna would like everyone to know that if a family needs clothing, someone should call her at 687-8032.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

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 09 F150 Supercrew 4WD Platinum, Silver w/Cashmere Leather, V-8, Navigation, Moonroof, Local Trade, 39K Miles, \$580/Month*	 01 Sable LS, Red w/Tan Cloth, 6 Cyl., 60K Miles, \$5,995	 08 Nissan Maxima SL 4 Door, White w/Gray Leather, v-6, Sunroof, Alloy Wheels, \$399/Month*	 03 Bonneville SSE1, Black w/Black Leather, V-6 Supercharged, \$6,995	 08 F150 Regular Cab 4x4 XLT, Blue & Silver w/Gray Cloth, 5.4L, Local One Owner, 31K Miles, \$19,500
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Thank You

The family of Donald Ziegelmeier would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all for the love and support shown us during this difficult time. Your prayers, cards, memorials, food, visits and other acts of kindness were deeply appreciated. May God Bless You.

Pat Ziegelmeier, Patti & Mike Stephens and family, Lance Ziegelmeier and family



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