

Gardener blown away by new selections

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 Every year, I'm blown away by the beauty of the new All America selections, and those named by the selection committee for 2011 are no exception.



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see the new Shangri La Marina viola in a vibrant new color with light blue petals and a dark blue face. The blooms are almost an inch and a half across. Violas don't get very tall, so this biennial is perfect for baskets, pots, or borders. Shangri La Marina is described as one of those flowers with "drive-by power."

Another great new one is the Arizona Apricot gaillardia that boasts 3 to 4 inch blossoms. You may want to start this stunning All America winner inside early and grow them as transplants, because they take about 105 to 110 days to bloom when you seed them directly in the garden.

Other 2011 AAS winners include the unique purplish-rose colored PowWow Wild Berry echinacea. It's a perennial, but will bloom the 1st year if you start the plants indoors, about now, and transplant them into

the garden about the 1st of May. The PowWow Wild Berry is also available in white. And finally, we must not overlook the new ornamental kale, named Glamour Red, and a beautiful new salvia called Summer Jewel Red. The kale is the first ever AAS winning kale and is a remarkable achievement because of its shiny leaves which is unique in kale. This one grows to 10 to 12 inches across and is bright red in the center.

The new Summer Jewel Red salvia is also the All America bedding plant winner for 2011. It features large red blooms on 20 inch tall spikes and is said to be 2 weeks earlier than must salvias. All in all, it's a fantastic year for All America winning flowers! Again all seeds are available in the seed catalogues, but probably not on the store racks. Plant 'em if you can find 'em!

Important to know what is adequate, deficient

Most gardeners think that soil tests are done only to find out what nutrients are deficient. However, it is just as important to know if you have adequate levels of nutrients so that you don't add unneeded fertilizer. The most basic soil test checks pH and the levels of phosphorus



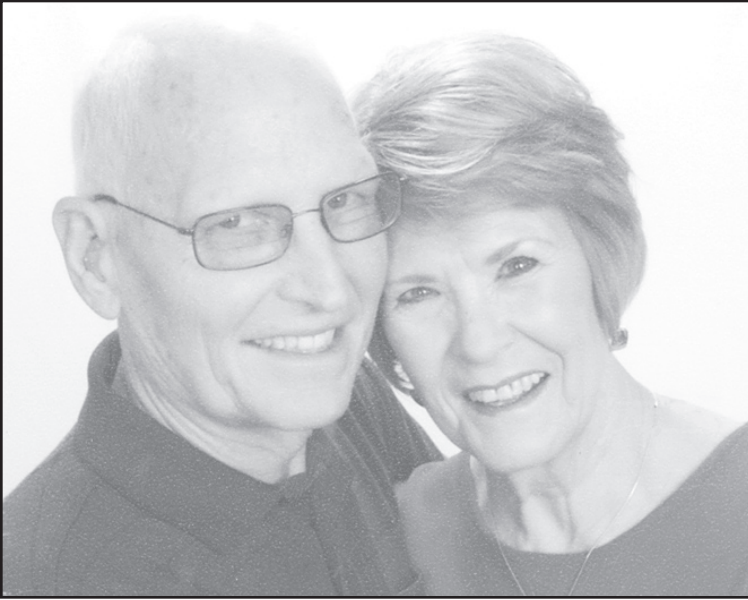
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tests that come out of our soil-testing lab show more than adequate levels of both phosphorus and potassium. If those nutrients are not needed, applying them is a waste of money and can be a source of pollution. In extreme cases, excess phosphorus can interfere with the uptake of micronutrients. So, if you haven't taken a soil test in several years, take one this spring. Begin by taking a representative sample from several locations in the garden or lawn about 6 to 8 inches deep.

Mix the samples together in a clean container and select about 1 cup of soil. Take the soil to your local K-State Research and Extension office to have tests done at the K-State soil-testing laboratory for a small charge. A soil test determines fertility problems, not other conditions that may exist such as poor drainage,

poor soil structure, soil borne diseases or insects, chemical contaminants or damage, or shade with root competition from other plants. All of these conditions may reduce plant performance but cannot be evaluated by a soil test. *Source: K-state Horticulture News Letter



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Former Goodland couple to have 50th

Merwin and Sharon Jensen, former Goodland residents, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 19. Merwin Jensen and Sharon Torrington were married on Feb. 19, 1961, at Bethany Lutheran Church at

Ruskin, Neb. Their children, Scott, Elliot, Trevor Jensen and Erika Schoenbeck would like to request a card shower for their parents. Cards may be sent to 2213 Willow Creek Place, Wamego, Kan. 66547.

Worship warms the heart

<p>Calvary Gospel Church Pastor: Randy Payne Fourth & College • 890-3605 Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am Morning Service: 10 am Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m. Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m. Youth @ the Rock House: 6:30 p.m. Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m. www.calvarygospel.net</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal 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</p>	<p>Promiseland Baptist Church 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.</p>
<p>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. Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 120 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70 (785) 694-2807 Pastor: Perry Baird Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Kanorado United Methodist Church Pastor: Leonard Cox 399-2468 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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. Wednesday: Prayer Class - Noon Pastor Carol's Class 5:45 p.m. www.goodlandfccdoc.org</p>	<p>Goodland Bible Church 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Word of Life 10th & Clark 1-888-781-3450 Pastor: (to be announced) Services: (to be announced) A Foursquare Gospel Church</p>	<p>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 church Junior High 6:30 p.m. at 708 Washington www.goodlandefree.com</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969 Priest: Father Hal Lycett Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Thursday morning Daily Morning Prayer For emergencies 890-6969</p>	<p>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Pastor: Darian Hybl Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m.</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jerry Nowack Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Short & Son Trucking Hwy. 24</p> <p>Kansasland Tire 1402 Main St.</p> <p>Koons Funeral Chapel North Main</p> <p>KLOEIKKQJIKWGB 3023 W. 31</p> <p>Good Samaritan Center 208 W. 2nd</p> <p>AFLAC Insurance 111 W. 12th</p>

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