

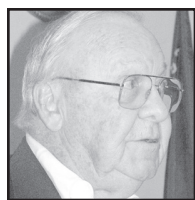
Final week of April brings ton of responsibilities

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The final week of April always brings with it a ton of responsibilities to all northwest Kansas gardeners. The things we do in our gardens the next couple of weeks will lay the groundwork for the successes we will enjoy during the rest of the growing season. Soon, we'll be setting those Celebrity tomato transplants into their reserved location in the garden. Soon, we'll be dropping the seeds of the Derby green beans into the furrows made specifically for them, and we'll make room for a couple of hills of Sweet Success cucumbers over near the fence.

Which reminds me...did you ever wonder how the vegetables or flowers you plant each year were assigned their names? Yeah, me too. Well, generally speaking, the names were given to the plants by their developers. They're the people who, after years of work, finally find the proper cross-pollination or the correct graft that has brought the gardening world such wonders as Wave petunias, or Yukon Gold potatoes, or this year's magical



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Moonsong hybrid marigold.

Much of the plant life is aptly named as their monickers perfectly describe the finished product. The Ambrosia cantaloupe comes to mind, as does the world renowned Peace rose, and also the mild flavorful Candy onion. If you plant a couple of Cherry Bomb pepper plants, you pretty well know what you're going to get. The same goes for the wonderful old heirloom Crimson Sweet watermelon and also the 1975 All America winning Snow Crown cauliflower. All seem to have appropriate names.

There are other cultivars that make you wonder how in the world they got their names. I love the new Yaya carrot, but know nothing about it's history. Gardeners have been planting Detroit Dark Red beets for decades and I have always won-

dered how Detroit got into the beet business. One of these years, I'm going to plant some Wild Thing impatiens just to see what I get. And who could resist a bush or two of Joan

JPP18954 raspberry. The fact that it is thornless may be it's greatest attribute.

And then, there are the really weird names of everyday plant life. You might want to try the new Super Freak hybrid pumpkins. One is called Goosebumps, and another one, all in the same packet, is called Knucklehead. Both are ugly, and described as eerie, creepy, and even ghastly! They should mature in time for Halloween. I refuse to plant the Honey Pot muskmelon. I've been to Korea, and I don't want anything to do with a honey pot. How about the Fooled You jalapeño pepper. It looks like a jalapeño, it has good jalapeño flavor, but it has No heat. Ha! Fooled you! And then there is the Gas Plant. It's a long-lived perennial with attractive lemon-scented foliage. But light a match

near the showy rose-colored flower spikes and you'll get a sudden burst of flame!

Indeed, names a d descriptions

of plant life can sometimes seem a bit strange. Many indoor gardeners enjoy the aptly named Venus Fly Trap. But I was surprised to see

that it is listed as the Class Flower of my granddaughter's graduating class at Conifer, Colo. next month. Go figure.

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FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

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Case No 11 PR 17

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