

Radio, newspaper answer questions of gardeners

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It was 25 years ago last January I began writing, recording, and broadcasting a brief daily garden program on about a dozen Kansas radio stations. I did that for 20 years and enjoyed it very much because it kept alive my love of gardening and broadcasting on a daily basis.

For the past couple of years, I've been taking up valuable newspaper space, with a gardening column and have satisfied another whim of writing about gardening.

There is a common tie between



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• the gardener

doing a radio program and writing a newspaper column, and that is the questions I am asked about gardening, and in particular, my own garden. The question most asked of me, by far, is... "Well, how's your garden doing?" and I never tire of answering that question. Sometimes, the

question is asked with a smile, and occasionally with just a little bit of doubt, like maybe he doesn't even have a garden.

If someone were to ask me that question today, and they probably will, my answer would likely be things don't look so good out there. The problem is not disease nor insects nor heat nor drought. It's a problem most Northwest Kansas gardeners ordinarily don't worry too much about. My problem is simply too much

hard rain...believe it or not!

From May 18th to June 20th, I have measured just a little bit short of 8 inches of rain in my official handy-dandy National Weather Service approved rain gauge, located about 30 feet from my garden. During that period, rain was measured on only 8 different days, but on two different 24 hour periods, almost 3 inches, accompanied by light hail and stiff winds, hit the garden crops pretty hard.

The newly emerging cucumber and cantaloupe seedlings were pounded back into the ground from

whence they came, and just about everything else suffered at least a bit of damage, raising questions about their maturity.

Like most of you haven't ever had a problem like that! I shouldn't complain much because I've gardened this same plot for 38 years and only twice before have I experienced severe weather related problems. As the weather settles down and we move into July, I should still have a decent crop of vegetables. Before the storms, I had a good run of the early stuff like spinach, lettuce, radishes, and peas. The

potatoes and tomatoes are coming back with a vengeance, but the cucumbers are hurting so I may need to borrow some of your dill pickles next winter.

I've learned, after living in Kansas for over 80 years, that you shouldn't complain about too much rain. Never! I just feel like it's OK to gripe a little bit about too much of it falling at once. But go ahead. Ask me anytime about how my garden is doing. My answer today might be a little different than I'd like it to be.



Jacey May Lans and Austin Klemm

Couple plan to marry in August

Jacey May Lans and Austin Klemm plan to marry on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, at the home of the bride's parents at Lexington, Neb.

The future bride graduated in 2009 from Lexington High School and attended Colby Community College at Colby. She is currently studying business administration at Central Community College and is employed at Curves and Coffee Cottage, both of Lexington.

The groom elect graduated in 2009 from Brewster High School at Brewster and attended Colby Com-

munity College at Colby. He works at Denker Feedlot at Lexington.

Her parents are Lynn and Janice Lans of Lexington and her grandparents are Jim and Marilyn Biehl and Norm and Jonelle Lans, all of Lexington.

His parents are Ken and Laurie Klemm of Goodland and his grandparents are Dorothy Running and the late Earl Running of Eau Claire, Wis., Joseph Klemm and the late Hildy Klemm and Cindy Hodges of Keithville La.

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For further information call Sandy Rodgers at the Conservation District Office at 785-899-3070 extension 3. 210 W. 10th St. • Goodland, Kan. 67735