

It's time for the gardener to wrap up season

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This is the 39th and final essay of the season. It's time for the old gardener to hibernate, migrate, emigrate or whatever it is that old gardeners do when the green beans quit growing and the mercury in the thermometer slowly sinks out of sight.

However, we must understand that here during Indian Summer there will be many days of extremely nice weather until the ground freezes, which usually occurs between December 15th and 25th in most of Northwest Kansas. We must use those nice days to finish what we started, and that means to



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put the garden plot to bed so that it will magically recharge and present us with nice things in 2012. Please allow me to present you with a 10 point checklist of vital services you must perform now to assure maximum production next year.

1. Completely glean the remaining edibles from the garden until either Jack Frost or Frosty the Snowman prevents you from do-

ing so.
2. Thoroughly clear the plot of all the materials that were growing just a few weeks ago. Burn the old tomato vines, or haul them to the landfill. Rake up everything else, run the mower over it to reduce it to small pieces and spread all of it evenly all over the garden plot.

3. Procure a pickup load of leaves, old straw, old hay or dry manure and spread it evenly over the entire plot. Beg someone for another pickup load of leaves and bag 'em up to use for mulch next summer.

4. Plow the area as deeply as pos-

sible. If some of the dry material you have spread out over the garden still seems to protrude from the soil, water the entire area and plow it again when it's dry enough.

5. Write yourself some notes and ask yourself some questions. What varieties of sweet corn, carrots, beans or tomatoes did I plant last spring? Of course you don't remember, so make yourself a note to write down the names when you plant your garden next year.

6. Why, in your opinion, did the tomatoes fail to produce as well as the year before, and why did the potatoes really do well? If you feel like you may have made some mistakes, or, on the other hand, feel

like you did some things right, make some notes of the good, the bad, and the ugly. Write it all down and make some changes next year, or not.

7. Clean all your garden tools and equipment thoroughly and store them somewhere out of the weather. Drain the oil from all garden related engines and remember next spring that you did that.

8. Get yourself a bird feeder and a birdbath. Buy a birdbath heater, and make sure to add good clean water all winter. Place the feeder and the birdbath in an area that will allow you to watch comfortably from inside your home. Be entertained royally all winter.

9. Please allow me to send you a

copy of my top three favorite varieties of about 30 different garden vegetables. Just send me a stamp, or not, and I will mail the list to you sometime between now and the time the first seed catalog arrives in your mailbox. Or just send me an email and I'll worry about the stamp next time I see you.

10. The Gardener wishes you a safe Halloween, a happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and an extremely healthy 2012!! Thank you so very much for reading all I've said for the past 39 weeks.

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Prairie Dale

The Prairie Dale 4-H club met on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Gambino's Pizza following the club attending the first Baptist Church.

Vice President Jonah McClung called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. Roll call of "your favorite candy," was answered by seven members. After roll call, election of officers was held. In hopes to increase attendance it was discussed to move meetings to the second Sunday of the month, it passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date pending building availability. Jonah McClung moved to adjourn the meeting by cleaning the tables and putting away chairs. Astin McClung seconded.

Evan Peter, reporter

Ruleton Eager Beavers

The Sunday, Oct. 9, monthly meeting of the Ruleton Eager Beaver was called to order with 21 members, four leaders and seven guests answering roll call of what is my favorite sport. There was one birthday award given. There were six new members introduced.

The club elected to purchase a Kansas flag with a pole to the 4-H

program after realizing there was not a Kansas flag available for the Kanorado Days' parade.

The leaders thanked all those that helped out at Kanorado Days and congratulated them on their first place float award.

The club elected new officers, leaders and representatives.

Emily Wolf led the group in singing "Home on the Range." Brooke Keim gave a demonstration on making homemade ice cream in a bag. Truman Hooker led the group in playing tag.

The meeting was adjourned by saying the club motto. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 13. Refreshments were provided by the Duell and Wolf families.

Submitted by Annika Linin

Sunflower

The Sunflower 4-H Club met on Monday, Oct. 17, at Edwards Hall. President Kinsey Volk called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Following the flag salute and 4-H Pledge, Vivian Solomon led the club in singing "Silly Song." Roll call of "Do You Facebook?" was answered by 12 members, one leader and six parents.

4-H Council Representative Shelby Arnold reported that the next

4-H Council meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6. Leader Cris Wilson introduced seven new club members and presented them with a 4-H stamp. Our club is in charge of the 4-H Achievement Awards program that will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30,

at 2 p.m. in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to arrive by 1:00 p.m. to help with set up and stay to help with clean up after the program. The Fruit Sales Fundraiser was approved by the club and will begin soon. Orders

will need to be turned in by Monday, Nov. 21.

Following the business meeting, Sean Sains gave a demonstration on geology and Jake Anderson gave a project talk on hog diseases. Ryan Volk read a poem called "The Insect

World." A short recess was called for recreation and Kinsey Volk led the club in playing "Chinese Mime."

The Anderson family served refreshments. The next club meeting will be Monday, Nov. 21.

Ryan Berls, Reporter

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Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

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Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.

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Daily Prayer: Sunday thru

Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.

Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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

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.

Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon

Pastor Carol's Class 5:30 p.m.

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Kanorado United Methodist Church

Pastor: Leonard Cox

399-2468

Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

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.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

13th & Center

Church 890-2115 or 890-7245

Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

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.

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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

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 the church

Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church

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Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail

Pastor: Jerry Nowack

Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161

Pastor: Darian Hybl

Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 a.m.

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.

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