

# Master gardeners can be seen almost anywhere

You will see them just about anywhere in the area, especially during the summertime. They seem to enjoy lurking around some of our nicest gardens, and they particularly are noticed prowling the flower beds that have been created in our city parks.

Sometimes you'll see them gathered around newly planted trees located in special areas of your hometown. I've seen them this summer in Colby, in Burlington, in Goodland, in Sharon Springs, and I know they have been spotted in Phillipsburg and Atwood.

No, we're not talking about a scourge of insects here. Not by



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a longshot. We're talking about Master Gardeners, those volunteer amateur horticulturists who spend their free time doing things to make your community more beautiful. They are men and women who not only tend their own garden at home, but somehow find time to help others appreciate some of the finer points of growing fruits, flowers and

vegetables. So, just exactly what is a Master Gardener, and why are they so busy? Master Gardeners received their special designation after completing several weeks of training from the specialists in the Extension Service, as well as utilizing the knowledge they have accumulated over the years in their own backyard. The Master Gardener program was created by the Extension Service to meet an enormous increase in requests from home gardeners for horticultural information. Fifty years ago, a

county Extension Agent dealt with the questions of a limited number of families. Now, the number of families interested in growing some of their own fresh food, and their hunger for learning a little more about tending a healthy lawn, has made it almost impossible for an Extension Agent to spend as much time as is needed to answer all the questions presented to him.

And so, the Master Gardener program was created in 1972 in the state of Washington. Since then it has spread to 49 states. Master Gardeners have become a vital part of Extensions ability to provide consumers with up to date reliable

knowledge so that they can enjoy and protect the value of growing things around their home.

Master Gardeners receive an intensive seven week period of instruction in just about all facets of horticulture with instruction in everything from fertilizer to insect control. The schools are held at different locations each year as the Extension people strive to make it a little more convenient for interested students to receive the training. I drove to Hoxie from Goodland in February and March several years ago to receive the instruction and obtain my credentials.

We should remember that Master

Gardeners are certainly not the know-all, do-all representatives of gardening and other forms of horticulture.

They are strictly unpaid volunteers who have received some important training, who do what they can to make our communities more beautiful and to answer occasional questions from backyard gardeners just like you.

If you see one prowling around the area in which you live, shake their hand and thank them for volunteering. If YOU would like to become a Master Gardener, call the Extension office in your county.

# Consider adding organic materials to your garden

If the severe summer weather has brought an early end to your garden, consider adding organic materials directly to the soil rather than composting. Materials such as residue from lawn renovation, rotted hay, or rotted silage can be added and then tilled in. Coarser materials such



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as tree leaves or garden residue should be shredded. A lawn mower with a bagging attachment can be used to shred this material and collect

it in one operation.

Organic materials can be spread to a depth of about three inches and tilled in. Be sure the soil is not too wet before tilling. During warm weather, the material will decompose quickly and the process

can be repeated every two weeks. Later in the fall, it may take longer. This process can be repeated from now until late November to early December.

Remember that organic matter helps almost any soil. It improves

clay soil by improving tilth, aeration and how quickly the soil takes up water. In sandy soils, it acts as a sponge by holding water and nutrients.

## matters of record

### Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**August 5** - 12:48 a.m., Caldwell and Fairgrounds, arrested Tomas Mendoza for driving under the influence, driving while suspended, speeding, no proof of insurance, battery on law enforcement officer, refusing breath test. Case referred to city attorney.

**2:28 a.m.**, 813 1/2 Broadway arrested Lukius James Medrano on

a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

**8:23 p.m.** 2160 Commerce Road, arrested Billy Gene Bentley for theft at Walmart. Case referred to city attorney.

**August 7** - 10:53 p.m. 813 Eastridge, Sandy Vasquez reported battery. Case referred to county attorney.

**August 8**: 10:56 a.m., 1631 Main Ave., Cowboy Corner reported a theft. Case referred to city attorney.

## Worship warms the heart



### Calvary Gospel Church

**Pastor:** Randy and Mary Payne  
Fourth & College • 890-3605  
**Sunday:** Kid's Church: 10 am  
Morning Service: 8:30 and 10:30 am  
Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month  
**Wednesday:** Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m. during school year  
Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.  
Life Groups - Call for information  
Join us on Facebook  
www.calvarygospel.net

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Celebrant:** Father Norbert Dlabal  
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

### 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

### Pleasant Home Church

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(785) 694-2807  
**Pastor:** Perry Baird  
**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo  
Spanish Speaking Church - translation available  
**Minister:** Jose S. Lopez  
1601 Texas • 899-5275  
**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru  
Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 a.m.

### United Methodist Church Brewster

**Pastor:** Mike Baughn  
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 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.  
www.goodlandfccdoc.org

### 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

**Celebrant:** Father Don Martin  
13th & Center  
Church 890-2115 or 890-7245  
**Services:** 5 p.m. Saturday evening  
**Bible Study:** 4 p.m. the first and third  
Saturday of the month

### Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400  
**Pastor:** Chad DeJong  
**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
6 p.m. AWANA during school  
Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 youth group  
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www.goodlandbible.org

### 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

### H2O Church.TV

**Pastor:** Craig Groeschel  
1022 Main  
(785) 728-0123  
**Experience Time**  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

### 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  
www.goodlandefree.com

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail  
**Pastor:** Jim McCurdy  
**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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