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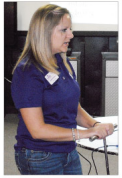
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**SO LONG GENE!**  
 Community says goodbye at Gene Austin's retirement reception  
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Robert Quate, Director of the Garden City, Kansas, Garden Club, is shown here talking to a group of people about planting tips.

**Planting tips, when real spring arrives**

As a general rule, gardeners are advised to wait until the soil has warmed up and the danger of frost has passed before planting. This is especially true for tender plants that are susceptible to cold weather. However, there are some plants that can be planted earlier, and some that can be planted later. It's important to know when to plant to get the best results.

For example, you can plant cool-season crops like lettuce, spinach, and peas in early spring. These crops can tolerate light frosts and will grow well in cooler temperatures. On the other hand, you should wait until the soil is warm and the danger of frost has passed before planting warm-season crops like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. These crops need a long growing season and will not tolerate cold weather.

It's also important to consider the type of soil you have. If you have heavy, clay soil, you may need to amend it with compost or other organic matter to improve drainage and fertility. If you have sandy soil, you may need to add more organic matter to help it retain moisture.

Finally, it's important to water your plants properly. Most plants need about an inch of water per week, including rainfall. Watering deeply and infrequently is better than watering lightly and frequently. This helps the roots grow deeper into the soil, where they can find water even when the surface dries out.

**Garden City school district community approach differs from that of Liberal**

Garden City school district officials say their approach to budgeting and community involvement differs significantly from that of Liberal. The Garden City school board has been working on a budget for the upcoming school year, and they are looking for ways to involve the community in the process.

Liberal school officials, on the other hand, have a different approach. They have a long history of community involvement, and they have a strong relationship with the local business community. This has helped them to raise money for their schools and to provide a high quality of education for their students.

The Garden City school board is looking for ways to improve their budgeting process and to involve the community more fully. They are holding public hearings and are asking for input from parents, teachers, and community members. They are also looking for ways to raise money for their schools, and they are exploring options like bond issues and fundraising events.

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**Check out Kansas Sampler Festival exhibitors**

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**Wichita County - 25th**  
 Kansas: Garden City, Liberal, Lawrence, Topeka, Shawnee, Olathe, Overland Park, Lenexa, Leawood, Mission, Mulvane, Pittsburg, Hays, Garden City, Liberal, Lawrence, Topeka, Shawnee, Olathe, Overland Park, Lenexa, Leawood, Mission, Mulvane, Pittsburg, Hays.

**Southwest Kansas Tourism**  
**Biggs:** Garden City, Liberal, Lawrence, Topeka, Shawnee, Olathe, Overland Park, Lenexa, Leawood, Mission, Mulvane, Pittsburg, Hays.

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**DINOSAURS INVADING LIBERAL**  
 After a million year slumber, dinosaurs are invading Liberal, Kansas. Join us for a day of fun and excitement as we celebrate the arrival of these prehistoric creatures. There will be live dinosaur shows, fossil hunting, and more. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

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