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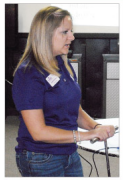
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Robert Davis Nurseries and Plant Services offers tips on how to plant and care for plants in the garden.

**Planting tips, when real spring arrives**

As a general rule, gardeners should wait until the soil has warmed to 60 degrees Fahrenheit before planting. This is the best time to plant most vegetables and flowers. For those who want to get a head start, it's best to start indoors in a sunny window or under grow lights. The soil should be kept moist but not waterlogged. When the weather warms up, it's time to move plants outdoors. Make sure to water regularly and watch for signs of stress. The garden should be weeded and mulched to help retain moisture. It's also a good idea to use organic fertilizers to keep the soil healthy. With a little care and patience, your garden will be thriving in no time.

**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 district has a long history of transparency and community input. They hold regular public hearings and use various platforms to gather feedback. In contrast, Liberal's approach is more top-down. The district officials believe that involving the community in the budgeting process leads to better decisions and a more engaged citizenry. They also point out that Garden City has a strong tradition of fiscal responsibility and efficient use of resources. The district aims to continue this tradition while providing high-quality education for all students.

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  - Southwest Kansas Tourism**  
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