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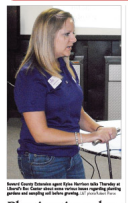
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Planting tips, when real spring arrives

Despite unpredictable weather, it's still a good idea to get your garden ready for spring. Here are some tips to help you get started.

1. **Timing:** Wait until the soil has warmed up to about 65 degrees Fahrenheit before planting. This is usually in late April or early May.

2. **Soil Preparation:** Turn the soil to a depth of 6-8 inches. Add compost or organic matter to improve soil structure and fertility.

3. **Watering:** Water plants thoroughly after planting. Mulch around the base of the plants to retain moisture.

4. **Planting Depth:** Plant seedlings at the same depth as they were in their original containers.

5. **Spacing:** Follow the spacing recommendations on the plant tags to ensure each plant has enough room to grow.

6. **Protection:** Use row covers or cloches to protect young plants from frost and wind.

7. **Monitoring:** Check plants regularly for signs of stress, such as wilting or discoloration.

Garden City school district community approach differs from that of Liberal

Garden City school district officials are looking for ways to improve their financial situation, but their approach differs significantly from that of Liberal.

While Liberal has a large number of businesses and industries, Garden City is primarily a residential area. This means that the school district in Garden City has a much smaller tax base and is more dependent on state and federal funding.

In response, the Garden City school district has implemented a variety of cost-saving measures, including reducing staff and cutting programs. However, these measures have not been enough to cover the district's expenses, and it is now facing a budget deficit.

The Liberal school district, on the other hand, has a much larger tax base and is able to maintain a higher level of spending. This allows the district to offer a wider range of programs and services, including advanced courses and extracurricular activities.

Despite the differences in their financial situations, both school districts are committed to providing a high-quality education for their students. They are both looking for ways to improve their financial health and ensure that they can continue to provide the best possible education for their communities.

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