

The Mead Beet

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Are you a gardener? Colorado soil has many features that frustrate those with a green thumb. We live atop a heavy clay soil, which typically has poor aeration and limits root growth. Thus the ability of plants to replenish water loss brought about by low humidity and wind is limited. Adding more water to such soils further complicates the problem because the water added reduces the amount of air in the soil, causing oxygen starvation to the roots. Combine that with high alkaline, high calcareous soil and unpredictable snow and yucky wind and you're in for a challenge. Organic matter, if added in large amounts all at once, can provide for a more porous soil. However, this

practice can lead to the accumulation of soluble salts. Unless the soil is porous so that salts can be leached away with water, the salts tend to accumulate in the amended soil layer. The soluble salts may remain in the organic matter much like water remains in a sponge. Rapid evaporation may concentrate the salts in the root zone, where they can injure plant roots. A solution to this problem is to slowly, over a period of years, improve the soil tilth. Tilth refers to the physical properties of soil which make it able to support plant growth. An alternative to leaching salts and improving soil tilth is to choose plants that are more tolerant of saline soil conditions.

Colorado's many days of sunshine, while leading to some problems, enables gardeners to grow some of the best flowers in the nation. The high light intensity produces strong-stemmed plants and flowers with extra brilliance. Winter sunlight melts snows at lower elevations, reducing snow mold diseases in lawns. The cool, crisp nights and warm days of summer produce healthy lawns. These same climatic conditions enable the home gardener to produce excellent potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and other cool-season vegetables.

Whatever shade of green your thumb may be, get out and plant some pretty flowers. Spring has finally sprung!!



Mead Track

- 4/12 GP Invite 8:00 am
- 4/19 Boulder Cty 8:00 am
- 4/25 Weld County 2 pm
- 5/2 St. Vrain 1:15 pm

Mead Girls Soccer

- 4/14 Frederick 7 pm
- 4/23 Roosevelt 7 pm
- 4/30 Windsor 7 pm

Mead Varsity Baseball

- 4/12 Skyline 12 pm
- 4/17 Northridge 4 pm
- 4/22 Denver North 4 pm
- 4/24 Frederick 4 pm
- 4/29 Berthoud 4 pm

9HealthFair

April 12 7:00-11:30
Mead High School
12750 WCR 7

Register online at www.9healthfair.org

The Little Town That Could...And Does

Mead Area Chamber of Commerce

As president of this growing organization, I can tell you that we've seen some growth spurts happening all around us. Our Business After Hours committee chair, Debra Bancroft, has been busy organizing and scheduling events for the business owners in town. We've had a few ribbon cuttings for new businesses, Black Canyon Distillery and Aesthetic Flooring had their ribbon cuttings last month and Route 66 is scheduled to have a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 24 at 4 pm, with more sched-

uled later this spring and summer.

If you have a business you'd like to have spotlighted through the Chamber, please let me know!

Mark your calendars for the annual **Summer Festival** scheduled **June 14** in Mead Park!! We've secured food vendors and this year, students from Mead High are organizing an obstacle course! FUN!

Prepare to get your **BOOGIE** on this year with the **V-Tones**. A local rock-n-roll band.

For the kiddos, we're organizing an event called

iSpy Mead. The forms will be available next month at the Town Hall, K2 Communications and other participating businesses around town. For the grown-ups, we're having a beer garden. It will be in a designated area (hopefully not too close to the obstacle course!)

Our revised Business Directory will be issued in June with local businesses listed by name and again by category to help our citizens and visitors support us by shopping locally.

Lots and lots of stuff going on! Email me to get involved, we could use you!

Trivia!

What did people used to throw at the bride and groom during the Middle Ages?

- A. Bird seed
- B. Rice
- C. Eggs
- D. Bread Crumbs

Email your answer to dina@listingsbydina.com. The first 4 correct answers win a gift certificate to a local Mead business!

Answer to last month's

The homes listed below were sold in MEAD during the month of March, 2014. The sold price is not reflective of the asking price. In some instances, the house sold for higher than asking price and visa versa. DTO= Days To Offer (when an offer came in.)

	Sold Price	Sq Ft	Style	Beds	Subdivision	Address	DTO
*	\$179,900	2240	Ranch	5	Town of Mead	105 6th Street	171
	\$200,000	2210	Ranch	4	Town of Mead	234 6th Street	9
	\$227,000	2798	4-Level	3	Margil Farms	3530 Homestead Drive	5
	\$232,750	2074	4-Level	3	Western Meadows	16345 9th Street	102
	\$238,900	2614	Ranch	3	Margil Farms	17474 Margil Road	30
	\$245,900	2488	2 Story	3	Western Meadows	2579 Basil Drive	10
	\$250,000	2625	4-Level	3	Margil Farms	3624 Homestead Drive	10
	\$256,500	2613	2 Story	3	North Creek	2545 Jarett Drive	29
	\$292,100	4370	Ranch	3	Coyote Run	3640 Hughes Drive	171
	\$329,000	4596	2 Story	6	Coyote Run	16990 Hughes Drive	60
	\$341,000	3936	2 Story	3	Coyote Run	3550 Hughes Drive	128

*All above information derived from IRES Multi-Listing Service. The stats provided are for informational purposes and not a solicitation to buy or sell real estate.

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David Kerr
Legendary Landscapes

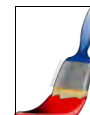


This section is available for anyone who has a home business or service and would like to advertise their specialty. There's no charge for this service. Email or call me if you'd like to be included!

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Melissa Siepelt
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Wright Bros Electric LLC
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