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Community says goodbye at Gene Austin's retirement reception

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Sharon Davis, teacher at the Liberal School District, stands in her classroom with a tablet during a presentation to the community.

## Planting tips, when real spring arrives

Despite the chilly temperatures, it's still safe to start planting your garden in mid- to late April. The soil is warm enough to support the roots of most plants. However, it's important to wait until the ground has thawed and the weather is consistently above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the best time to plant most vegetables and flowers. For more information, visit [www.kansasgardening.com](http://www.kansasgardening.com).

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

Liberal is a small town with a large school district. Garden City is a larger town with a smaller school district. The two districts have different approaches to community involvement. In Liberal, the school district is more integrated into the community. In Garden City, the school district is more separate from the community. This difference in approach is one of the reasons why the two districts have different reputations.



## Check out Kansas Sampler Festival exhibitors

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## DINOSAURS INVADING LIBERAL

After a walk on water through downtown Liberal, the Kansas Sampler Festival returns to downtown Liberal on Saturday, April 27th.

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