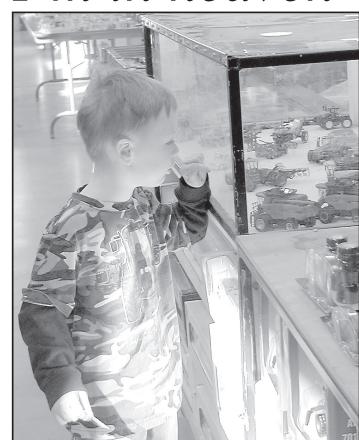
I'm in heaven



The 24th annual Tri-State Farm, Toy and Collectible show was held Saturday at the National Guard Armory in Norton. Featuring toys and farm collectibles of all types, buyers and sellers of all ages came from all over the region for the show. Pictured, Garrett Petty, of Hill City, looks over some of the toys at the show and tries to pick out which one he might most like to play

-Telegram photo by Carlleen Bell

Planting my first garden with mama

"Don't forget your sunbonnet, garden girl," Mama says as we open the back screen door. "It's cool now but that sun will warm us up in a hurry and we'll be working hard all day.'

Making garden is Mama's favorite thing and this year she decided I am old enough to help. She has her claw digger in one hand and brown cotton gloves in the other. I get to carry our seed basket. The garden is already begun. Last fall Daddy started spading while Mama raked the clods. Daddy grumbled about gardening all year 'round and Mama told him the family eats all year 'round, too.

It's April now, warming up, but way back in February when it was still really cold, Mama planted peas. On St. Patrick's Day we planted a big potato patch. Mama says her Irish mama told her you must plant "prathies" on St. Paddy's Day. I put the potato pieces in all the little holes Daddy dug while Mama came last to cover them

It rained last weekend so the ground is just right for planting today. Mama shows me how to tell if it is dry enough to crumble in my fingers and feel warm. If it's too cold, the seeds won't sprout and if it's too wet, they spoil. Seeds are persnickety, she says. That makes me

giggle because Child of when I won't shredded wheat she calls the '40s me persnickety, too. Liza Deines

I get popsickle sticks from the basket

to poke into the ground and tie grocery string on them to make straight lines clear across the garden. They look like clotheslines for mice. Then Mama takes a hoe and makes ditches beside the lines and we put seeds in the ditches. She does the tiny ones and she shows me how to do beans. I put one seed down, lay my hand beside it with my little finger on the bean and then I put the next seed under my thumb. There are lots and lots of bean rows and I am very careful so it takes almost all morning for me to finish. Mama has planted beets, lettuce, carrots, radishes, turnips and parsnips. "Whew!" she says, "It's getting hot. Let's go have a cool drink and make sandwiches."

After lunch we lie down for forty winks, which is what Mama calls a nap, before we go back out to put in onion sets. There are rows and rows of those, too, and I am sure glad when they're finished. Now we do a box of tomato plants that grew indoors for a few weeks in our sunny

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south window. It takes a long time to plant each one and poke a big nail beside their stems so cutworms can't bite them. We

bring wooden tomato crates from behind the chicken house and put them up to hold the vines as they grow. Tomatoes are a lot of trouble but I like tomatoes best of all.

Next Mama hoes out a dozen hollows with edges. She calls them hills but they don't look like hills to me. Cantaloupe, watermelon, acorn and butternut squash, pumpkins and cucumbers go in the hollows, using seeds saved from last year's garden. A handful of seeds go in each hollow and we finish fast. Mama's face lights up and she says, "Now we can plant flowers," and I know she likes flowers best of all.

Did you know bugs don't like marigolds? We plant a lot of

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those out around the vines so bugs will stay away. And Mama has seeds saved for zinnias, cosmos, snapdragons and daisies. I get to plant the four o'clocks. They're my favorite because they bring hummingbirds. The fence between the yards gets pink sweet-pea seeds and blue morning glories. Hummingbirds like those, too. Last thing we set up the sprinkler out in the middle of it all.

"Well," Mama says, "won't your father be surprised when he comes home tonight and sees our garden!" We just stand for a spell and admire all the neat rows and hills and sticks with seed packets stuck on top. "A big job for a big five-year-old girl," Mama tells me, . "and you were lots of help." And we go off to the kitchen to cook Daddy's supper.

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Accident Report

On March 9, a red 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser, driven by Lyndelle S. Linde of Belleville, was west bound on U.S. Highway 36 when a deer ran onto the road from the north ditch. Linde hit the deer causing over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Rich Wenzl.

On March 14, a silver 2008 Pontiac G6, driven by Preston A. Prett of Oberlin, was east bound on U.S. Highway 36 when a deer entered the roadway striking the passenger side of the vehicle causing over \$1,000 damage. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Adam Wahlmeier.

On March 14, a light gray 1998 Chevrolet, driven by Alberta Slaby of Norton, was east bound on Highway 383 when a deer ran onto the road. Slaby was unable to avoid the collision causing over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Adam Wahl-

On March 17, a red 2000 Ford F150, driven by Travis P. Williams of Norton, was east bound on Highway K9 when Williams came upon a cow in the roadway. Williams was un-

able to avoid striking and killing the cow which caused over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer

Sudoku Puzzle #2481-M

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2				1	3			
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Medium

41. Work with acid

jobs

51. "Ocupado"

42. Like some jokes or

47. "Cheers" perches

fundamentalist)

52. Dwarf planet in the

asteroid belt

53. Those against

55. Flinch, say

60. Lemming kin

61. First name in scat

62. Rode the banister

65. Kasparov's sixteen

58. Trig ratio

49. Bible __ (certain

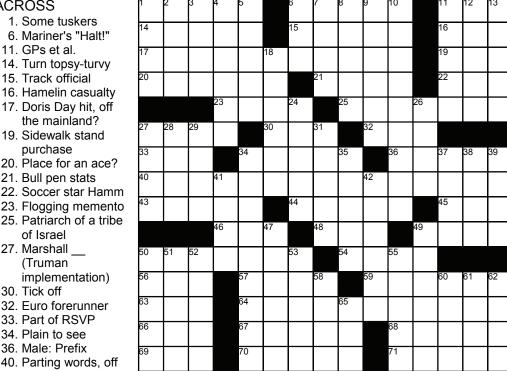
50. Wined and dined

ACROSS

- 1. Some tuskers
- 6. Mariner's "Halt!" 11. GPs et al.
- 14. Turn topsy-turvy 15. Track official
- 16. Hamelin casualty
- 17. Doris Day hit, off the mainland?
- 19. Sidewalk stand purchase
- 20. Place for an ace?
- 21. Bull pen stats
- 22. Soccer star Hamm 23. Flogging memento
- of Israel 27. Marshall
- (Truman implementation) 30. Tick off
- 32. Euro forerunner
- 33. Part of RSVP 34. Plain to see
- 36. Male: Prefix 40. Parting words, off the mainland?
- 43. Cabinet department
- 44. Does a checkout
- chore 45. Often non-PC
- suffix 46. Audiophile's stack
- 48. Proprietary symbols: Abbr.
- 49. Baby-sitter's nightmare
- 50. Sunflower State
- city 54. Stable parent
- 56. Hydrogen's atomic
- number
- 57. Forever, seemingly 59. Digs deeply
- "__ Mutual Friend" 64. Two shakes of a lamb's tail, off the

mainland?

Off the Mainland



- 66. Journal conclusion?
- 67. "Crazy" singer
- Patsy 68. Bull fiddles' little
- brothers
- Plaines, Illinois
- 70. Ruhr industrial hub 71. Word on a
 - revolutionary flag
- **DOWN**
 - for short

 - 4. Mended, in a way
- Carlton
- 6. snail's pace 7. Carpenter's tool
- 1. Tampa Bay team,
- 2. Fall birthstone
- 3. "___ sow, so shall
- 5. Mound great

8. "... __ bagatelle"

- letters 28. Pre-discount price

 - _ breve (2/2 time) 31. At attention

9. Mariachi's wrap

11. Soap opera, e.g.

Casey Jones

18. Visit through primal

24. Snake, to Medusa

10. "Circular files"

12. Pie chart lines

13. Propellant for

therapy

26. Crosspiece

27. Trident-shaped

- 34. Fido's field of
- study? 35. Shirts and skins,
- e.g. 37. Batik artisan
- 38. Parks in 1955 news

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