

Pick the single harvest that tops garden season

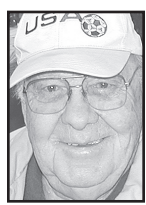
Attention all gardeners and students of the gardening mystique! School is back in session, and for our first classroom session, here's what I want you to do. Grab a pencil and a sheet of paper, and follow my directions carefully, because there may be a snap quiz later.

On your paper, please describe to me the one single treat you harvested from your garden this summer that gave you and your family the greatest eating enjoyment. Name only one. I know it isn't easy, but I want just the one thing you enjoyed the most. I'll give you some time here to think about it and to write down your answer.

All done? All right, pass your papers down to the end of the row, and I'll pass along a few of your answers to the class.

Here's one that says "a fresh picked cucumber, sliced, a big sweet onion, sliced, a little salt and pepper, and slathered in ranch dressing." Wow! My mouth is watering already.

Here's another one. "A bowl of small new potatoes, creamed with freshly picked peas, and cooked



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only until the potatoes are tender."

How about this one: "A generous helping of young tender green beans fresh out of the garden, cooked with little bits of bacon and onion."

This one says "the very first ripe cantaloupe of the season!" Amen, brother!

Hold it here - who submitted this one? "Several small zucchini, sliced and baked casserole style with plenty of onion and lots of cheese." One of you out there has a great sense of humor.

Here's a couple of others. One says "the first big head of cabbage of the season, shredded and dressed into a delicious bowl of cole slaw."

One more here. "A big ripe tomato, sliced, with a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Slicing is optional." I see there are several papers

expressing a similar sentiment.

Well, you all did good, and nobody has to stay after school. Of course, there's no way you could mess up this little quiz, unless you forgot to plant a garden last spring.

Here's my response to the question. "A big bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich, made with two slices of slightly toasted whole wheat bread, three slices of bacon fried not quite crisp and a big leaf of lettuce. Butter one slice of the bread, and generously spread real mayonnaise on the other slice. Slice the tomato carefully so as not to lose any of the precious juice, and place the slices between the bacon and the lettuce ... not next to the bread. Add a little salt and pepper. Repeat the process as often as you can before the first freeze of the season, because it's going to be a long time before tomato-picking time next summer!"

Class dismissed. Unless one of you happens to have a big ripe watermelon stashed under your desk.

If it grows, look for tiny mites

Two-spotted spider mites have few prejudices. They're perfectly willing to feed on an estimated 1,100 different plant species.

"They're also willing to feed from the time they hatch until they die - through every one of their developmental stages," said Raymond Cloyd, K-State Research and Extension entomologist.

The two-spotted mites are houseplants' No. 1 pest, sometimes enclosing whole leaves in their webbing. In fact, Cloyd said, the pests are so tiny that webbing can be the first clue of an indoor infestation. (Wind and rain typically dispose of webbing spun outdoors.)

Two spotted spider mites also are major damage-causers from commercial greenhouse to farm field - where they attack corn, cotton and soybeans. They like wild and weedy plants, too, ranging from berry thickets, Jimson weed

and violets to henbit, wild mustard and wood sorrel.

The weeds, in turn, can serve as undisturbed breeding grounds that help the mites spread.

Entomologists at central U.S. land-grant universities have come up with the following, however, as some of the landscape hosts that two-spotted spider mites seem to prefer:

- Annuals, ornamental - dracaena spike, fuchsia, geranium, hollyhock, impatiens (New Guinea and garden), marigold, pepper (sweet and hot), petunia, snapdragon and viola.

- Annuals, vegetable - beans (various), sweet corn, cucumber, eggplant, muskmelon, squash, tomato and watermelon.

- Perennials, mixed - lemon balm, chrysanthemum, columbine, coral bells, daylily, Michaelmas daisy, grape vine, English ivy, rose mallow, mint, monarda, oreg-

ano, salvia, creeping phlox, primula/primrose, scabiosa, speedwell/veronica, strawberry (ornamental and fruiting) and vinca/periwinkle.

- Shrubs - arborvitae, azalea, burning bush, butterfly bush, boxwood, cotoneaster, wall germander, holly, hydrangea, juniper, maple (amur and Japanese), privet, pyracantha, rhododendron, rose and viburnum.

- Tree - ash, birch (white/gray/river), cherry, citrus, Kentucky coffeetree, elm, black locust, silver maple, pear, persimmon, plum and poplar.

"The list is handy," said Raymond Cloyd, K-State Research and Extension entomologist, "but I'd get a hand lens and take a closer look at any plant that starts losing leaves or looking scorched - particularly during hot, dry weather."

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Tyson Roy Owings, 33, Colby, Aug. 13, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, no drug tax stamp, criminal damage to property, Colby Police Department, released Aug. 22 on \$150,000 appearance bond.

- Jess Adams Hakenwerth, 33, Evansville, Wyo., Aug. 16, failure to appear, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Aug. 21 on recognizance.

- Michelle Ann O'Brien, 34, Colby, Aug. 18, criminal trespass, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Aug. 21 on recognizance.

- Robert Carl Petersen, 65, Colby, Aug. 19, driving under the influence, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff, released Sept. 4 for time served.

- Lucas Troy Ruth, 24, Goodland, Aug. 19, failure to appear/forgery, failure to appear/giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff, released Aug. 20 on probation.

- Steven Charles Cox, 20, Oakley, Aug. 21, probation violation, Logan County Sheriff's Office, released Aug. 27 to responsible party.

- Joshua James Carman, 23, Oakley, Aug. 22, driving with license suspended or revoked, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, Oakley Police Department, released Aug. 23 on bond.

- Jonathan Hwang Brown, 20, Lexington, Ky., Aug. 24, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, conspiracy to commit felony, using communication facility to arrange sale or purchases, no drug tax stamp, failure to wear seat belt, Highway Patrol, released Aug. 27 on \$75,000 appearance

bond.

- Clayton Tyler, Garland, 18, Lexington, Ky., Aug. 24, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, conspiracy to commit felony, using communication facility to arrange sale or purchases, no drug tax stamp, failure to keep within a single lane, Highway Patrol, released Aug. 27 on \$75,000 appearance bond.

- Cody Ryan Stewart, Oakley, Aug. 25, driving under the influence, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.

- Kimron Charvel Burris, 18, Colby, Aug. 26, minor in possession/consumption, Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

- Karli Lee Kriss, 30, Colby, Aug. 26, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Nicholas James Kriss, 23, Colby, Aug. 26, domestic battery, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- George Levi Licking, 36, Oakley, Aug. 26, driving under the influence, Highway Patrol, released same day on notice to appear.

- Dean Brandon Smith, 19, Parker, Colo., Aug. 26, driving under the influence, Logan County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.

- Timothy John Towey, 24, Colby, Aug. 27, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.

- Emily Rose Walz, 25, Colby, Aug. 27, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.

- Jonathan G. Fabling, 23, Kansas, Aug. 29, housing for transport company, Security Transport Ser-

vices, released Aug. 30 to other agency.

- Adam Tan Marland, 32, Kansas, Aug. 29, housing for transport company, Security Transport Services, released Aug. 30 to other agency.

- Valeria Solis-Jimenez, 53, Kansas, Aug. 29, housing for transport company, Security Transport Services, released Aug. 30 to other agency.

- Patrick Michael Crosswell, 31, McKinleyville, Calif., Aug. 30, possession/distribution of hallucinogenic drugs, Highway Patrol, released Aug. 31 on recognizance.

- Dylan Michael Braun, 19, Colby, Aug. 31, minor in possession/consumption, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.

- Brad Mark Krob, 52, Ludell, Aug. 31, transporting open container/alcohol, Colby Police, released same day on recognizance.

- Sean Micheal Novacek, 24, Colby, Aug. 31, transporting open container/alcohol, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on notice to appear.

- Nathan Edward Jones, 54, Denver, Sept. 2, violation of protective order, Highway Patrol, released Sept. 3 on recognizance.

- Thomas Joseph Peter 47, Selden, Sept. 2, disorderly conduct, Thomas County Sheriff/Colby Police, released same day on bond.

- Ricci Jay Welter, 44, Brewster, Sept. 2, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day on recognizance.

- Richard Lee Holaday Jr., 34, Oakley, Sept. 3, domestic battery, Oakley Police, released Sept. 4 on recognizance.

Men jailed for 'test drive' thefts

MONACA, Pa. (AP) - Two western Pennsylvania men have been jailed on charges they twice stole vehicles while taking them on "test drives" from car dealers.

The public defenders for 70-year-old Leamond Black and 40-year-old Christopher Mitchell could not immediately be reached for comment on the charges reported Tuesday by the *Beaver County Times* (bit.ly/NZEFTJ).

Monaca police say the Darlington Township duo took a 2001

GMC Jimmy sport-utility vehicle for a test drive at Monaca Auto Sales on July 25 and never returned. Police found them six days later inside the vehicle in a super-market parking lot.

The men allegedly did the same

thing at Power's Auto Sales in Rochester Township on July 17, only to have police find the vehicle abandoned in Pittsburgh with a stolen Ohio license plate.

Both men remained in the Beaver County Jail on Tuesday.

Partnering To Bring Medical Specialists To Colby

Colby Outreach Clinic Schedule

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100 E. College Drive - Colby**

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**Oncology/Hematology
Dr. January Fields**
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Orthopedic - Dr. Robert Bassett
Monthly

**Orthopedic/Spine
Dr. Vivek Sharma**
Monthly

**Urology
Dr. Wallace Curry
Dr. Darrell Werth**
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