

Gardening decades still offer yields

I must admit that I sometimes surprise myself with my continuing intense interest in gardening after almost seven decades of enjoying the process.

Actually, it's not an interest anymore. It's more of a habit, all because of a deep-seated satisfaction of enjoying the results of my efforts. I can think of no other avocation or hobby that would allow me to be busy, productive and deeply appreciative of how I spend my spare time.

Of course, there are many good reasons why everybody doesn't dig themselves deep into gardening. Some people have space problems. Others probably feel they just don't have the time. Still others lack confidence and believe they just don't have the knowledge to garden successfully.

But the most obvious and sen-



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• The Gardener

sible reason is that lots of folks just honestly don't care about planting, watering and all the other time-consuming efforts that it takes to raise a garden. And I understand that. I have no interest in stamp collecting, or scrap book- ing or collecting stuff. To each his own.

But right now, the rest of this month and the next, are the days that make my chosen pastime the most enjoyable. Allow me to tell you why.

Earlier this month, the cucumbers provided me with dozens of jars of delicious pickles, which

will be enjoyed all winter. There was also the delightfully fresh cucumbers utilized in salads and coupled with onion and sour cream or ranch dressing.

The versatility of the tomato has provided several weeks of almost unimaginable taste thrills and will be responsible for even more as canning jars are filled with salsa and just plain canned tomatoes to be used in so many ways after the growing season is over.

I really enjoy the harvesting and storing of the big sweet onions. The digging of the potato crop is like a treasure hunt each year, and most of them have now been stored away within a short distance of the cooking facilities.

Coming very soon now, and I can hardly wait, is the cabbage harvest, which brings with it the shredding, fermenting, and can-

ning of a rare delicacy. It's called sauerkraut. The crock and the salt are at the ready and the harvesting of the huge heads of cabbage will take place very soon now. There are several 12 to 15 pounders out there, and other than reserving a head or two for slaw, all will be converted into almost unbelievably crunchy, highly flavored kraut.

All of these harvesting and preserving and storing processes are of course in addition to the wonderful fresh early spring and summer treasures from my garden. Sharing some of the goodies with family and friends is always very satisfying.

I don't have time to collect stamps, or take an extended vacation right now. Maybe next year.

Did I mention that the cantaloupes have been superb this year?

Deaths

Janice Rae Volk

Janice Rae Volk, 61, Colorado Springs, Colo., daughter of James L. and Wilma Jean Baughn of Colby, died Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at her home in Colorado Springs.

She was born Aug. 23, 1951, in Oakley, the daughter of James L. and Wilma Jean Baughn. She attended school in Monument and graduated from Oakley High School in 1969.

In 1970, she married Larry Richardson. They had two daughters.

On June 6, 1981, she married Martin Volk. In 1995, they moved to Colorado Springs.

She worked at the Colby Supermarket and at Walmart, beginning in Hays and continuing in Colorado Springs. She attended the Discovery Christian Church in

Colorado Springs.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; her parents; two daughters, Kimberly (Steve) Wright Scott City, and Wendi Richardson, Colorado Springs; a brother, Michael Baughn, Brewster; a sister, Karla (Chris) Stupka, Concordia; a brother-in-law Leon (Mary) Volk; two sisters-in-law Lora Volk and Denise Volk; a father-in-law, Alvin Volk; and four grandsons.

Memorial services will be held in Colby at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Berean Church, following services at 1 p.m. today, Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, at the church in Colorado Springs.

The family suggests memorials to the Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation, 2550 Tenderfoot Hill St., Colorado Springs, Colo., 80906.

Time out from lunch for play



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Dakota Buford (left) played Saturday in the nursery of the First Baptist Church with Kuper Jones and his son Dominik Jones, during the church's monthly Joyful Blessings Lunch.

Art club chooses show's judge

Patricia "Trish" Starbuck, has been selected by Colby's High Plains Art Club to judge their annual juried art show Friday through Sunday, Oct. 18 to 20, in the gymnasium of the Heartland Christian School at 1995 W. Fourth St.

Starbuck graduated from Kansas State University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in art education and a minor in English. She also has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in drawing. Starbuck, who graduated from Norton High School, says she was encouraged to go into the art profession by her high school art teacher Peggy Stull, who is now retired. After teaching art and English for six years at Larned Middle School, Starbuck came to Colby where she teaches elementary art.

She is married to Andy Starbuck, who teaches history at Oakley High School. They have two children, Drew, who will be entering sixth grade and Anna who will be in second grade. They live in Colby.

This year's show will use the new art display units purchased by the club and the school together with grant money from the Thomas County Community Foundation.

According to club President Marlene Carpenter, this show promises to be larger. New divisions will be added for professional artists, high school and college student art and photography.

"Last year we had 87 entries," Carpenter said, "and with the new divisions we are adding, we hope to have twice that many."

Divisions which will be continued from last year's show include: oil; watercolor; acrylic; pastel and charcoal; graphite pencil and colored pencil; mixed media; sculpture; ceramics and pottery; and photography.

Visitors to the show will have the opportunity to purchase artwork.

The amount of money awarded for prizes will be determined by the number of entries. Entry fee is \$20 for the first two entries and \$6 for each additional entry. There will be no fee for students, but prizes will be awarded in that division.

All entries must be in and fees paid by Tuesday, Oct. 1. They should be mailed to Shirley Baker, 1397 South Rd. 10 W., Hoxie, Kan., 67740. For an entry form, call Alice Wolf at 460-8148 or 443-3707 or e-mail her at gawolf@st-tel.net.

Entries must be delivered between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, to the Heartland Christian School Gym. The show will not be open for viewing that day. Judging will be done between 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday. The show will be open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

There will be a reception and awards ceremony from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria at the school. All artists entering work in the show will get free admission to the reception for themselves and a guest. Others may attend for a \$5 admission. Children under 6 will be free.

Michigan couple welcomes 12th son

By Ed White
Associated Press

DETROIT — A western Michigan family welcomed their 12th child. And, shocker, it's a boy — just like the other 11.

Jay and Kateri Schwandt of Rockford believed the latest baby might break the gender streak, especially after Kateri, known as Teri, was nine days past her due date. That was unusual for her pregnancies. But it was hardly a game-changer as a nurse at a Grand Rapids hospital announced delivery of another boy.

Tucker was 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

"Of course. There was a chuckle in the whole room," Teri, 38, said told the Associated Press. "I looked at my husband, and we exchanged a knowing smile. When they say it's a boy, I think, OK, no problem. I've got this. We know what we're doing."

Tyler is the oldest son at 21. When the school year starts, three Schwandt boys will be in high school, while five brothers are in lower grades. That leaves three more at home with Teri.

The Schwandts, who live north of Grand Rapids, consider themselves devout Roman Catholics who don't believe in using birth control and put the size of their family in God's hands. Teri comes from a family of 14 kids. But she's not the only member of her own family committed to the cause.

She has a sister in the Detroit area, Kate Osberger, who has 10 children of her own. Yep, all sons. "That's amazing. This is a miracle," said Dr. Bob Barbieri, who researches fertility issues and is

chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "It appears there is some type of genetic determination in some families that have a lot of girls or a lot of boys. It's not well understood. It's more than a statistical oddity."

A large brood brings many challenges, regardless of gender.

Daily trips to the grocery store and usually a weekly stop at a warehouse store when possible. School lunches can mean going through an entire loaf of bread each day. The Schwandts have a 15-passenger van — "the big bus" — that carries the clan to family gatherings and Sunday Mass. It helps that some boys are old enough to drive.

"I'll call and say I'm stuck. I need you to pick up Wesley from preschool," Teri said. "There aren't too many kids who get to know the preschool teacher."

At home, half of the 12 sleep

in two bedrooms with bunk beds. Teri has a rule of no more than one pair of shoes for each kid in the entryway. Once the boys hit sixth grade, they do their own laundry.

"Someone's responsible for unloading the dishwasher and loading it. Someone vacuums the stairs," said Jay, 39, who has a land surveying business. "We heat the house with wood. We're cutting wood, hauling it and stacking it. They may not like it but they know they need to pitch in."

Comment now on road plans

The Kansas Department of Transportation requests comments on the amendment of the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2013 to 2016.

The program lists all department-administered projects, regardless of funding source, and

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has warned Kansans about a new scam targeting senior citizens offering "free emergency medical alert" devices.

Dozens of Kansans have reported to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division that they have received recorded calls from "John" who claims to be with "Medical Alert" telling them they can receive a free medical alert device, and they just need to press "1" to confirm their shipping information. Consumers who do so are connected with a live telemarketer who offers them the "free" device, but then asks for a

credit card number to cover shipping or monitoring fees.

"These calls are nothing more than a ruse to get your personal financial information," Schmidt said. "You should never have to pay money to get a 'free' product. We advise Kansans not to answer these calls, or if they do, be suspicious and do not give out any personal information."

Consumers who have received such calls are encouraged to file a

complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at www.ag.ks.gov or call (800) 432-2310 to request a complaint form.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake Bridge winners for Tuesday were: first, Joy Davis; second, Bob Renner; third, Larry Barrett; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Elaine Ptacek; and sixth, Cookie Koenig.

Quilters to gather in Logan

There will be a seven-week quilting workshop beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Hansen Plaza Community Room 110 W. Main in Logan.

Jane Lowry from Stockton, well known in the area for her quilting expertise, will be the instructor. Classes will be from 6:30 p.m.

to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 1 through Nov. 12. Cost is \$45 for non-members of the Hansen Museum, patron members are \$38.25 and sustaining members are \$33.75.

For information or to register by phone, call (785) 689-4846.



Uptown Style
Salon & Day Spa
505 E. 4TH, COLBY, KS 67701

Paige Evans

Paige Evans grew up south of Gove. She went to high school at Wheatland and graduated in 2012. Paige went on to continue her education and graduated from the Hays Academy of Hair Design in July 2013.

Paige is now taking appointments at Uptown Style in Colby, KS. She offers all hair services, manicures, pedicures and spray tanning. To schedule call 785-462-2383 or check us out online at www.uptownstyleonline.com or on Facebook.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$6.85
Corn (bushel)	\$6.35
Milo (hundredweight)	\$10.05
Soybeans (bushel)	\$13.33

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Public Notice



Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 71-201(b)(15) of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Trustees of Colby Community College, and that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the unexpired term not sooner than 15 days following publication of this notice. Such vacancy exists by reason of the resignation of Nick Wells.

Any person residing in Thomas County, Kansas wishing to be appointed as trustee for the unexpired term shall submit a letter of application and summary of qualifications to Dr. Stephen Vacik, President, Colby Community College, 1255 South Range Avenue, Colby, Kansas 67701 by 5 p.m. on September 12, 2013.

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GEM LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HOG ROAST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
5:00 - 8:00 P.M. • Gem Community Building

BLUE GRASS, FOLK & COUNTRY MUSIC
COME OUT & ENJOY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
FREE WILL DONATIONS
Raffling 8 halves (hogs cut & wrapped)
NET PROCEEDS USED FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT PROJECTS
Bring your used eyeglasses & hearing aids.

Special Thanks

to the following individuals and businesses that supported the 4-H livestock sale and donated their purchased market hogs to use for our Roast:

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