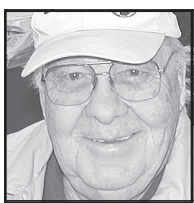


# Many people involved in salsa making now

For the last two or three weeks, many folks who enjoy eating have been involved in the salsa making process. You certainly don't have to be a gardener to enjoy making and eating salsa, but so much the better if you happen to have a few of the ingredients growing out in the backyard.

Right now, you can literally feel the "hurry hurry" attitude beginning to kick in, because we're only about three weeks away from the average first frost date here in northwest Kansas. We're talking to the tomato vines, encouraging them to produce just a little faster and we're enjoying



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• the gardener

the maturing peppers that add the "kick" to the big pot of salsa simmering away on the stove.

Several people have told me they are using the salsa recipe in my recent book and are looking forward to see if it's as good as I insist. A few of you have told me there is no way they can accumulate 20 pounds of

tomatoes at one time, as the recipe in the book calls for. That's why I prefaced the recipe by suggesting that you can size the recipe down to meet the amount of ingredients you have available. I'm glad I did that, but in retrospect, I should have made it less complicated for everyone by presenting the numbers for a smaller batch. Last week, I gave a "cut down" recipe to a friend that called for just five pounds of tomatoes, with the rest of the ingredients reduced accordingly. That's probably

the size of recipe most people can better utilize unless you have a great big tomato patch. If you don't have my book and would like the recipe, in any size, just give me a call.

Indeed, you can almost feel the rush to stuff that home grown food into canning jars right now. The average first frost date in Sherman County is Oct. 10th. It's only an average of course, but last year, the temperature dropped to a record low of 29 degrees on Oct. 3rd, sufficiently ending the growing season for another year. The year before that, 2008, it wasn't until Oct. 23rd that the temperature dropped to 31.

with wind and a couple of inches of snow.

When a frost threatens, most of us rush to the garden and try to find a way to cover the tomatoes, even though you can be pretty sure that it will only be a few more days before another frost or freeze comes along.

Not only that, but the cool nights from mid to late October make it very difficult for garden crops, particularly tomatoes, to mature any further. Covering them up when the first frost forecast comes along, is a bit of a waste of time.

If your tomatoes have been slow

to produce this year, do yourself a favor and try to remember when you set them outside last spring. Tomato maturity is a long process. You must plant them earlier if you expect to harvest earlier.

The last frost date in Sherman County is May 7th or 8th. Your plant should be in the ground by then, or shortly after, with some means of protecting them in case of a late frost prediction. That's the only you'll enjoy a long and late summer harvest.

# Waste areas of ground can be turned to good use

Midwest landowners often have an out-of-the-way tract or two that they refer to as waste areas – ground with little to no economic value.

"Geography usually decides the spots, and that puts many of them in riparian areas," said William Beck, riparian forester with the Kansas Forest Service. "To move cattle or equipment across a stream, for example, a producer needs more reason than just five acres of land. Another producer may simply get tired ... quit trying to fight the river

or plant the oddly shaped parcel where the creek bends."

The real problem is that the areas don't fit into farmer's primary business plans, Beck said, but, that doesn't mean they have to remain unused.

"Particularly in the eastern half of the state, if you don't manage an area, it will gradually turn into forest," he said. "It probably will contain mostly low-value timber species – hackberry, sycamore, elm and Eastern red cedar.

"With relatively low input costs and a little management, though, that same land could produce highly valuable tree stands. You could develop a fine asset for yourself, your children or your grandchildren."

District and state foresters can

help you develop one.

"After one of us walks the property with you, that person can provide a forest management plan designed to meet your specific goals," Beck said. "Your forester also can teach you the skills you need and help

direct you to a variety of cost-share programs that may apply to your project."

In addition to producing valuable timber, he said, a well-managed riparian forest protects the soil and water quality. With some planning,

it can also create wildlife habitat and a natural kind of beauty.

Go to the forestry website at [www.kansasforests.org](http://www.kansasforests.org) for information about growing timber and contact information for district foresters.

# Talking to children key to relationships

Talking with your child is key to building and maintaining successful family relationships, yet parents who ask direct questions may miss finding out what's really going on in their child's life.

Asking "How was your day?" often will prompt a flat "Fine."

End of conversation? Not exactly, said Charles A. "Chuck" Smith, Kansas State University child development specialist, who encourages parents to begin sharing something unusual or interesting about their day in a way a child can understand.

"Once the story telling has begun, a child often will raise a hand, or interrupt, to share something about his or her day," Smith said.

"Engaging a child in conversation, rather than asking questions, takes the pressure off," said Smith, who explained that a child will be likely to tell you about what's hap-

pening in his or her life while doing something else, such as riding along on an errand, helping to prepare a snack, working on a yard or garden project or helping to wash the car.

Listen for openings that invite casual conversation, and then follow-up, without passing judgment, said the child development specialist, who noted: "Building community with your child also helps to build memories."

Information about building and managing successful family relationships is available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state and online: [www.ksre.ksu.edu](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu). Smith also maintains a Web site for parents: [www.ksu.edu/wvparent/](http://www.ksu.edu/wvparent/) and an additional site in relation to his book: "Raising Courageous Kids: Eight Steps to Practical Heroism" at [www.raisingcourageouskids.com](http://www.raisingcourageouskids.com).

# matters of record

Cases filed in the U.S. District Bankruptcy Court, 167 United States Courthouse, 401 N. Market Street, Wichita. Definitions: Chapter 7, liquidation, business or personal; Chapter 11, business reorganization; Chapter 12, farmer reorganization; Chapter 13, personal reorganization. Db: doing business as; aka: also known as.

**Goodland**  
Dudley, Timothy Robert, Corry Lynn Dudley, liabilities \$51,050, assets \$40,291.

**Sherman County Bastille**  
The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Aug. 30 – Randal Hazel, 57, Goodland, arrested by sheriff deputy for driving while suspended.

Aug. 31 – Jack Claytor, 47, Goodland, arrested by sheriff deputy on warrant from another agency.

Debra Claytor, 46, Goodland, arrested by sheriff deputy on warrant from another agency.

Sept. 1 – Chris Brown, 30, Weskan, warrant arrest by Wallace County Sheriff's office.

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Tina Frey, 48, Goodland, arrested on warrant by sheriff's deputy.

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1121 Main

890-3450

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Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

**Thursday:** Bible study 9:30 a.m.

Wheatridge Center

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail

**Pastor:** Jerry Nowack

**Saturday:** Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

### Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161

**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 a.m.

### Harvest Evangelical Free Church

521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423

**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg

**Sunday:** Worship: 9:30 a.m.

No Sunday School this summer.

**Wednesday:**

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Redlin's

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Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.

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[www.calvarygospel.net](http://www.calvarygospel.net)

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Fifth & Broadway

890-7368

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Morning Service: 10 a.m.

Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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### Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

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**Sunday:** Sunday School: 10 a.m.

### Kanorado

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399-2468

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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and prayer: 7 p.m.