

Time to start preserving garden production

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Last week, I was not reticent, timid, or apprehensive, nor was I fearful about reminding all gardeners that it was time to dislodge the pressure cooker and the boiling water canner from their winter hiding place, and go to work!

I know that many of you have already done that, and have begun the canning process as many of our favorite summer vegetables reach maturity.

The green beans are abundantly producing now, the sweet corn



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is mature, the beets are awaiting placement into those wonderful Mason jars, and soon, the mighty tomato will favor us with untold goodness.

Incidentally, I picked my first tomato this year on Wednesday, July 27, just a few days later than last summer. It was a Northern

Exposure, and the taste was WOW!

Indeed, the season for preserving the goodies from the summer garden has arrived right on schedule and many of us will keep extremely busy as we put the cookers through their paces. We do this of course because we thoroughly enjoy our garden production, in a preserved form, during the winter months. Preserving the bounty from our garden is the natural extension of gardening, and

if you have been hesitant to get involved then this might be the year to join the ever-increasing crowd. For about \$50, you can begin to can the excess from you garden, and enjoy them for the next several months. A dozen jars, a boiling water canner, and the Bible of the canning process called a Ball Blue Book, will have you heading down the road to extended gardening enjoyment.

I fear that there are still many gardeners who do not trust the safety of the home canning procedure. I would suggest that it's not so much the fear of canning as it is the confi-

dence of learning the proper procedures. Believe me when I say that the process is safe! There is plenty of help out there if you need it, and the Blue Book offers step-by-step guidelines to make the job easy. You can do it, and in fact, should do it, in order to extend your gardening experience. Yes, there are rigid, but not impossible, requirements to follow. Controlling micro-organisms, enzymes, oxygen, and moisture loss ensures a high quality, flavorful product.

Pickling a few cucumbers might be a good way to start your preserva-

tion operation. Five or six pounds of small fruit will produce roughly eight pints of delicious dill pickles. Or maybe a few jars of bread and butter pickles would be welcome among family members, and there are dozens of sweet pickle possibilities out there, as you search for a family favorite.

And now if you'll excuse me, I'd better begin moving those jars of freshly canned dill pickles to a safer place, somewhere away from the wandering eyes of visiting guests and grandchildren!

Developmental services receives accreditation

Based on an intensive three day survey conducted by CARF, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas was recently notified that they received a three-year accreditation for its programs which provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows DSNWK's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. By receiving a three-year accreditation and putting itself through a rigorous peer review process, DSNWK has demonstrated that its programs and services are of

the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

"We take great pride in obtaining this achievement," DSNWK President Jerry Michaud said. "Being recognized by CRF with the highest level of accreditation was possible because of the endless dedication and commitment of our staff. It is through their efforts that DSNWK continues to maintain a high level of quality programs and services for people with developmental disabilities."

CARF sent five surveyors to review DSNWK or a three day period. The surveyors came from all over the country and looked at

DSNWK's programs and services. "Staff members have a diversity of expertise and experience and are dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life of persons served," the CARF survey summary reads.

"They are recognized for being caring, compassionate, dedicated and knowledgeable," the survey con-

tinues.

DSNWK provides services and programs to those with developmental disabilities in an 18-county area in Northwest Kansas. Developmental centers and offices are located in Atwood, Hays, Hill City, Hoxie, Norton, Oakley, Russell and Stockton.

CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation

Facilities and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

DSNWK has been accredited with CARF since 1976.



Kathryn and James Wedermyer

Goodland couple to celebrate 60 years

James Wedermyer and Kathryn Neff were married on Aug. 5, 1951, at the First United Presbyterian Church at WaKeeney.

The couple with their children are hosting an open house on the parlor from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, Sixth and Easter, WaKeeney.

Their children are Patti Gray of Prairie Village, Doug and Sandy Wedermyer of WaKeeney, Vicki and Doug Hilty of Goodland and Dave and Laura Wedermyer of Olathe. They have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to them at 820 Washington, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Spruces offered with membership

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August. Everyone who joins the nonprofit foundation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The 6- to 12- inch trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in each area, between Saturday, Oct. 15, to Saturday, Dec. 10, and are guaranteed to grow.

"Colorado blue spruce trees provide homeowners with many benefits," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the foundation. "They can used as an

energy-saving windbreak, for privacy, as ornamental trees and even as a living Christmas tree."

New members will also receive "The Tree Book," about trees planting and care, and "Arbor Day" the foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 by Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Worship warms the heart

Calvary Gospel Church
Pastor: Randy and Mary Payne
Fourth & College • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month
Wednesday: Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
during school year
Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal
307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, **Sunday:** 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
Sunday: 12:30 pm

Goodland United Methodist Church
1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Pleasant Home Church
Serving the rural community
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Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70
(785) 694-2807
Pastor: Perry Baird
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Promiseland Baptist Church
Pastor: Rick Holmes • 890-7082
225 W. 16th
(785) 890-7944
Sunday: Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Morning Service: 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study Service 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks
Fifth & Broadway
890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
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
1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
La Luz Del Mundo
Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church Brewster:
Pastor: Dorine Chambers
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly
Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Class - Noon
Pastor Carol's Class 5:45 p.m.
www.goodlandfccdoc.org

Kanorado United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

Word of Life
10th & Clark
1-888-781-3450
Pastor: (to be announced)
Services: (to be announced)
A Foursquare Gospel Church

Goodland Bible Church
109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor: Travis Blake
1121 Main
890-3450
Sunday:
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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
13th & Center
Church 890-2115 or 890-7245
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

Harvest Evangelical Free Church
521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: none in summer
Wednesday:
Senior High 6:30 p.m. at church
Junior High none in the summer
www.goodlandefree.com

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
Pastor: Darian Hybl
Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 a.m.

Church of Christ
401 Caldwell
890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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