

It is truly watermelon weather this summer

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I am the proud possessor of approximately 1500 old 78 r.p.m records that I accumulated during my days in the radio broadcasting business, which is another story. The story today is that one of those records is entitled "Watermelon Weather" and is sung by Perry Como and Eddie Fisher. The recording was made in the early 50's. Hoagie Carmichael wrote the song and a gentleman by the name of Paul Francis Webster added the lyrics....

It's watermelon weather...
That summer kind of weather...

When people get together and sing----

It's a great summer kind of song; the kind of song you can enjoy during the season and kinda get the feeling of summer. You can hear the song on You Tube if you'd like.

Gardeners used to plant a lot of watermelon back in the day. Not so much anymore, for whatever reason, not the least of which is that they are perceived to take up

too much space in our small backyard garden. The introduction of those little ice box size melons, as well as the small seedless varieties has sparked renewed interest in growing them. The "old style" large melons are seemingly relegated now to a few irrigated fields, planted by farmers with a bit of the feel of days gone by.

Watermelons were introduced in this country in New England in 1629 by America's first settlers, in Florida in 1664 by Native Americans, and all along the Colorado River area by 1799. Charles Frederick Andrus, a

horticulturist working in Charleston, S. C., set out to develop a disease and wilt resistant watermelon in 1954, the result of which was the long, light green melon that was given the name of Charleston Gray. That one, along with the large dark green melon called Black Diamond and the big striped one named Crimson Sweet, were the forerunners of true watermelon flavor, growth habit, and public popularity. Almost all of today's new varieties have a bit of Charleston Gray lineage. I remember Charleston Gray as the first watermelon I planted in my garden, and the seed is still available in most seed catalogs and on most store seed racks.

But like most gardeners, I stopped growing them many years ago. My excuse was the same as yours. They just took too much space and offered limited germination as well as disappointing production. With the introduction of the small ice box types, I feel like many gardeners are re-thinking their past watermelon excuses. They have become a bit of a novelty with the small sizes and the different colors, both outside and inside.

This spring, I planted a few hills of a small 5 to 7 pound melon called Golden Crown, an All America winner in 1991. I chose to try it because it turns yellow when it is ripe! Can you imagine a watermelon patch

with no thumping going on? With Golden Crown, when it's yellow, it's ripe! We'll see. Right now, the vines are spreading nicely, and I even see a few blooms. I can't say that I'm overjoyed at the prospect of harvesting a yellow watermelon after spending many summers growing and enjoying those big green and striped melons. And by the way....whatever happened to that big truckload of watermelons available every week in the parking lot of the local sale barn? And in some cases, whatever happened to the sale barn?

Indeed, it is truly Watermelon Weather!

Rebooting computer number one solution

I was listening to a QuickBooks podcast the other day (Yes, they have QuickBooks podcasts, and yes, I am a nerd.) featuring a ProAdvisor support specialist. He said the



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number one troubleshooting solution for QuickBooks problems is to reboot your computer. So if QuickBooks is acting funny or if your reports aren't filtering correctly, try rebooting your computer. If that doesn't work, Google your problem. If you receive an error code, Google your error code. A Google search will pull solutions from QuickBooks support articles

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The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H club was held at Edwards Hall on Monday, June 18. President Kinsey Volk called the meeting to order and Vice President Jake Anderson led the club in the flag salute and 4-H Pledge. Roll call of "Favorite ice-cream flavor" was answered by 12 members, eight

parents, one leader and one guest. Ashley Anderson led the club in singing the "ABC's."

Following a short business meeting, President Volk turned the meeting over to Vice President Jake Anderson for the program. Ashley

Anderson gave a project talk on the goat project. Volk shared a talk on the Feed My Starving Children program for the Citizenship project. After the program, President Volk declared a short recess for recreation. Christopher Berls led the club in playing "Kill the Cockroach."

Sean Sains served refreshments after the meeting. The next club meeting will be held on Monday, July 16.

Ryan Berls, Reporter

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Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.

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United Methodist Church Brewster:

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Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST

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Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening

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109 Willow Road • 899-6400

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Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday: 6:30 youth group

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First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake

1121 Main
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Sunday:

Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m.

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521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423

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Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

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Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail

Pastor: Jerry Nowack

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

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Darian Hybl

Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 a.m.

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