

# Family

## All-America seeds remarkably reliable

If you would like to take the guesswork out of selecting the best seed to grow in your garden, then you must remember to seek out and plant a variety that has been designated an All-America winner. You simply cannot go wrong by planting one of these selections.

From the hundreds and hundreds of new vegetable and flower varieties created each year by those busy plant breeders, only a handful receive the coveted All-American designation.

New creations of flower and vegetable seed are submitted from plant breeders all over the world. Then, professional horticulturists from ever area of North America test and evaluate those entries in field trials, some of them dealing with conditions much like those in your own backyard.

Those seeds and plants judged to be remarkably reliable and productive under a wide range of growing conditions receive the All-America designation. That designation could very well be your ticket to gardening success.

The selected varieties are always a cut above the rest because they include exceptional resistance to disease and stress from weather and insects. They also must offer unusually good flavor and abundant yields.

Perhaps the greatest assurance that an All-America selection will do well is because of the factor that they are not regionally specific — they must be proven to grow and produce well in any section of the country.

So, you might ask, what are some of these varieties that will guarantee me success? As a matter of fact, you're probably planting several of them every year. One of them is the Celebrity tomato



**Kay Melia**

• The Gardener

... another is the Big Beef tomato. The first cherry-type tomato ever designated an All-America winner came in 1999, and is called Juliet, truly one of the most productive tomatoes I have every grown.

Other All-America selections over the years include the Sweet Success slicing cucumber, the one I always plant because it is seedless, burpless and a phenomenal producer. My favorite green bean for several years is one called Derby, and my favorite spinach variety is Melody, both of which received the designation.

The Sugar Snap pea won the designation in 1979. Strangely, very few gardeners plant Sugar Snap anymore because it has basically been replace by the Super Sugar Snap, an improvement on the older variety because it is stringless. But Super Sugar Snap never attained the All-America honor.

Despite the great popularity of onions, none ever attained the top honor until 2001, when a wonderful big white onion called Super Star came along. Strangely enough, Super Star is far from being the most popular onion planted today. It trails Candy, Walla Walla, Texas Supersweet and Vidalia, among others, as the most planted onion today. Super Star is a white onion ... the others are all yellow onions.

Look for the All-America designation on that packet of seed you buy as you continue to search for the varieties that will produce well in your garden.



Carey and Jonathan Jones

## Abilene church the site for Oakley couple's rite

Carey Anne Robson of Colby and Jonathan Derek Jones of Oakley were married April 25, 2009, at at the First Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

The Rev. Robert Frasier officiated at the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Dr. R. Michael Robson and Anna Robson, and the granddaughter of Robert and Anne Robson and Charlotte Piland, all of Abilene.

The groom is the son of Jonny and Kanda Jones of Hoxie. Rosa Lee Jones and Pat Adams are his grandmothers.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a ivory strapless wedding gown, with a veil.

Natalie Robson, a cousin of the bride, was her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Regier, Haley Desbien and Kristin Bastin.

Whitney Brow was the best man. Groomsmen were Josh Moss, Gary Shaw and Brandon Bryan.

Madison Augustine, a cousin of the groom, was the flower girl. Ring bearers were Owen Milton and Draden Herl, nephews of the groom. Korey Herl, sister of the groom, was the reader. Musicians were Kelsi Vickers, soloist, and Rhoda Fraiser, organist.

### Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
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### Deaths

#### Darold L. Finley

Darold L. Finley, 83, a Brewster native and former Goodland Pontiac dealer, died June 25, 2009, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born to Leonard and Neva (Crumrine) Finley on Jan. 9, 1926, at Brewster and attended Brewster schools.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Navy from October 1943 through January 1946.

On March 26, 1945, he married Audrey N. Amos in Corpus Christi, Texas. They moved to Goodland in 1947. From 1958 through 1988, he operated Finley Motors, a Pontiac-GMC dealership, and he had been Pontiac director of the Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association.

He had life memberships in the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge and American Legion, and served on the Goodland housing board.

He enjoyed fishing and woodworking and was an avid sports fan, faithfully following the Kan-

sas City Chiefs.

Preceding him in death were his parents, four brothers, Bill, Doyle, Don and Dennie Finley; a sister, Grace Highland; an infant sister, Orcena; and a daughter in law, Lorna Finley.

Survivors include his wife Audrey, and a son, Danny (Judith) Finley, both of Goodland; a brother, Jerry L. (Bonnie) Finley of Trenton, Neb.; a sister, Dorothy (Cecil) Mangnall of Filley, Neb.; a granddaughter; a step-granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren;

Services will be at 11:30 a.m., (Central Time) Monday, June 29, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, with the Rev. Dustin Petz officiating, and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday at the Koons Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland.

The family suggests contributions to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in care of the chapel.

## State senator recognized for voting attendance record

TOPEKA — Kansas Senate President Steve Morris has cited Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell for a 100 percent voting attendance record for the 2009 session.

“Sen. Ostmeyer has dutifully represented his district by participating in every one of the 386 votes tallied in the Senate this year,” Sen. Morris said. “His dedication to his district and his commitment to the legislative process are clear.”

In addition to the 386 roll calls, 339 Senate bills were introduced during the session, along with 97 resolutions and 19 concurrent resolutions. Seventy-six Senate bills ultimately passed and were signed into law; three were vetoed. Including measures that originated

in the House of Representatives, 144 bills were ultimately signed into law by the governors.

Ostmeyer, a Republican, is vice chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations, the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee and the Senate Local Government Committee.

The senator is in his second four-year term. A farmer and stockman, he lives in Grinnell with his wife Kay. His 40th District includes Thomas, Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Trego, Wallace and Wichita counties.

## Digitizing historical news gets national grant boost

TOPEKA — The state Historical Society has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the National Digital Newspaper Program.

The state agency will get \$259,354 to digitize 100,000 pages of Kansas newspapers from 1860 to 1922. Kansas is one of seven new states being brought into the program this year, bringing the total number participating to 22.

Launched in 2005, the program is a partnership between the Endowment and the Library of Congress to provide searchable access to U.S. newspapers. In 2007, the agencies unveiled the program's Website, Chronicling America (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov), which now contains more than one million pages from 11 states and the District of Columbia and represents the news from over 75 cities and towns across the nation.

The Kansas Historical Society was established by the state's newspaper editors in 1875. A virtually complete collection of all Kansas newspapers published from 1875 to the present is available on microfilm or in original form. Digital Initiatives Coordinator Michael A. Church said the grant paves the way to providing greater access to the agency's newspaper collection.

“While the 100,000 pages supported by this project is a tiny fraction of the more than 13,000,000 pages in our collection published

between 1860 and 1922,” Church said, “this grant represents a giant step toward our long-term efforts to create a sustainable digital collection of historic Kansas newspapers available online.”

Digitization will ensure that the state's newspapers will be available for future generations, he said. Historian Virgil Dean, editor of the society's publication, *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*, said that the newspapers collection is critical to research.

“Perhaps no other single source is as important to the study of state and local history as the daily and weekly newspaper, yet they are often the most neglected,” Dean said. “They were openly partisan and unabashed boosters of their respective communities, but newspapers are often the only source we have for local opinion, as well as for vital social and economic information.”

“The digitization of a part of the society's rich collection of newspapers only can be a boon to researchers in this age, when the World Wide Web is the starting point for most kinds of historical inquiry.”

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