

Family

Tomato harvest worth the waiting

Somewhere out there, there may be a gardener who is still waiting to pick their first tomato.

Most everyone has already experienced that wonderful occasion this summer, but I wouldn't be surprised if there were still a few who planted their plants a little late this summer, who are still looking for that first big, red fruit.

Every summer, it seems to be the same old thing. The wait for that first tomato is almost more than we can take.

The wait for the first cucumber doesn't seem to damage our disposition. We don't seem to worry too much about the first picking of green beans, peas or okra.

But we just can't wait for the first tomato.

When was the last time somebody asked you how your onions were doing? It's all about the tomatoes, so we shouldn't be surprised that 95 percent of all backyard gardeners plant tomatoes.

It's interesting to me to watch the tomatoes mature into those big spheres of juiciness, from the standpoint of which variety ripens first. This year, as usual, the first red tomato was the Fourth of July, which I picked on July 10.

My first big tomato this summer was a Big Beef, which was a bit surprising when I found it on July



Kay Melia

- The Gardener

25. Close behind were a couple of big Super Fantastics, one of which weighed a half of a pound. Since then, the Northern Exposures have come on strong and the Super Tastys aren't far behind. It looks like another banner tomato year in my backyard, and I hope it is in yours.

Now comes the fun of utilizing the crop, which is no small project when you have 35 tomato plants. But I guarantee you, not a single fruit will be wasted. We have many ways to preserve this garden delicacy, and the canner at our house will get a good workout.

Actually, about 50 percent of our crop goes into the making of salsa, and since we have a good crop of onions and peppers, there will hopefully be close to 60 jars of this delicious concoction on the pantry shelves by the end of the season. And then we do 40 to 50 pints of what we call "stew tomatoes," which is simply adding a bit of onion, celery and green pepper and canning it all together. It is a great base for soups and other dishes all winter.

Of course, there are a number of jars of just plain canned tomatoes that prove to be delightful throughout the winter season, used in a dozen ways. I like to open a jar of tomatoes and just spoon some into a side dish with no additives.

Regardless of how you utilize your tomato crop, every gardener I know appreciates the goodness of the fruit, despite the fact that we all have to wait so long for it to materialize. I suppose all good things take time.

Clarification

An article on the Colby Community College budget on Page 1 of the Wednesday, Aug. 5, edition of the *Colby Free Press* apparently led some people to believe that the college had raised the its property tax levy. The article said, "The property tax will raise \$2,695,908 with a levy of 33.28 mills." The word "raise" in this context meant "to generate" the revenue. This year's levy, which produces about 25 percent of the college's money, was down from the previous year, when the levy was 34.52.

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$4.33
Corn (bushel)	\$2.76
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.10
Soybeans (bushel)	\$11.39

Deaths

Alice Conaway

Alice Conaway, 90, long-time owner of the Fashion Shop in Oakley, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at the Gove County Medical Center in Quinter.

She was born May 18, 1919, in Morland, to D.J. and May (Cumings) Homedale. In 1937, she graduated from Grinnell High School

On July 11, 1937, she married Ferd Conaway in Colby.

The family lived in several towns in Kansas and Colorado since he was a depot agent with the Union Pacific Railroad. They settled in Monument for several years, later moving to Oakley. She had worked at the Fashion Shop and bought the store in 1954. She took pride in owning and operating the store, and kept it open, even if just for a few hours, right up until a couple of days before being admitted to the hospital.

Conaway was a member of the Oakley United Methodist Church

and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a long-time member of the Oakley Chamber of Commerce, and bowled for many years in the women's league.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1991, a son-in-law, Don Swart, and a sister, Virginia Johnson.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Swart of Oakley, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at the Oakley United Methodist Church, with pastor Sheryl Johnson officiating and burial in the Oakley Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. today at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, Oakley.

The family suggests memorials to Oakley Public Library, the church or the hospital, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Blue spruce trees available

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during August will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The trees will be shipped between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow.

Send a \$10 membership contri-

MOVIES

NOW SHOWING
August 7th - August 13th

MY SISTER'S KEEPER
Staring: Cameron Diaz & Abigail Breslin
Genre(s): Drama
PG-13 1 Hour, 49 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

THE HANGOVER
Genre(s): Comedy/Crime/Mystery
R 1 Hour, 40 Minutes
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

COMING SOON
G-Force (Starts Aug. 14th)
The Ugly Truth (Starts Aug. 14th)
I Love You, Beth Cooper
Aliens in the Attic

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Watercolors featured

The latest exhibit at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland features the watercolors of Monument artist Don Denning.

Denning says watercolor is his favorite medium. He tries to paint one watercolor a day.

Now retired at age 71, Denning began his career in 1961 as an artist/draftsman for *Design News* (an engineering trade magazine) and as art director for *Plastic World Magazine*, moving on to a career as sign painter after eight years. Since 1973, he has been a part-time sign painter, along with

working for Bartell Drilling, the Union Pacific Railroad and Monument Township.

Denning has won six Technical Art Awards and three Kansas Postcard Awards. He has painted many store-front signs in Oakley, two murals at the Oakley Middle School and a large mural at Mitten's Truck Stop east of town.

He is married and has six grown children. Other interests include swimming at Colby Community College and playing the accordion and saxophone.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Thursday
1:01 a.m. – Assisted ambulance.
2:30 a.m. – Possible intoxicated bicyclist westbound on Third from the B-Hive. Not found.
4:09 a.m. – Prairie Senior Living Complex employee requested officer to check the building for an intruder. All OK.
8:22 a.m. – Garage damaged by neighbor's vehicle.
11:57 p.m. – Accident at post office.
6:15 p.m. – Assisted Highway Patrol with injury accident, roll-

over, on U.S. 24 east at mile 64.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Thursday
5:37 a.m. – Accident, hit deer on U.S. 83 mile 175.
7:18 a.m. – Cattle out one mile west of Colby on U.S. 24 put back into pasture; owner contacted.
8:06 a.m. – Adult son was criminally threatened by a subject. Civil matter; not a criminal threat; information provided.
12:08 p.m. – Sherman County Sheriff's Office arrested Meghan C. Wilterding on warrant.

LOCAL TV LISTINGS

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Tuesday Evening							August 11, 2009				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Be a Millionaire		Better Of	Better Of	Primetime		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	NCIS		Big Brother 11		Medium		Local	Late Show-Letterman		Late Late	
KSNK/NBC	America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent				Local	Tonight Show		Late Nigh	
KSAS/FOX	Hell's Kitchen		More to Love		Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The Cleaner		Interventionist		The First 48		
AMC	Get Shorty				Be Cool				K-9		
ANIM	Killing for a Living		When Animals Strike		Lion Feeding Frenzy		Killing for a Living		When Animals Strike		
BRAVO	Housewives-Atl		NYC Prep		Miami Social		Housewives-Atl		Miami Social		
CMT	Extreme-Home		Blazing Saddles				Blazing Saddles				
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		
COMEDY	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	S. Park	
DISC	Dirty Jobs		Swords: Life		The Colony		Dirty Jobs		Swords: Life		
DISN	Cadet Kelly				Wizards		Montana	The Suite	So Raven	Life With	Cory
E!	Wayne's World				Kendra		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	
ESPN	World Series		World Series		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball		NFL Live
ESPN2	Yearbook	Yearbook	WNBA Basketball				E:60		SportsNation		
FAM	10 Things		Ruby	Nanny McPhee			The 700 Club		Make It or Break It		
FOOD	Chefography		Unwrapped		The Best	Chopped	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	The Best	
FX	Epic Movie				Rescue Me		Rescue Me		'70s Show		'70s Show
HGTV	My First	My First	House	Buck	House	Estate	Buy Me	My First	My First	My First	
HIST	Modern Marvels		The Universe		That's Impossible		Mega Disasters		Modern Marvels		
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Winter of Froze				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	
MTV	Band	Daddy	Daddy	Daddy	Daddy	Daddy	Daddy	Daddy	True Life		
NICK	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	
SCI	Warehouse 13		Warehouse 13		ECW		Warehouse 13		Stargate SG-1		
SPIKE	Star Wars V		Star Wars V						CSI: Crime Scn		
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and t	Sex and t	
TCM	Love-Afternoon				Roman Holiday						
TLC	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	18 Kids	18 Kids	Ultimate Cake Off		18 Kids	18 Kids	Ultimate Cake Off		
TNT	Bones		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		HawthoRNe		Saving Grace		
TOON	Total Dra	Total	Stoked	6TEEN	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Squidbilli	Metal	
TRAV	Sandwich Paradise		Bizarre Foods		Bite Me-Mike		Peek	Peek	Sandwich Paradise		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk		In Plain Sight		
VH1	Lds Revolution		Megan, Million.		Megan Wants		Brooke	Brooke	Lds Revolution		
WGN	Town & Country				MLB Baseball						
Premium Channels											
HBO	Boy Interrupted		Tropic Thunder				Entourage		True Blood		Lopez
MAX	Mummy: Dragon Emp.				Balls of Fury				Lingerie		The Fifth Element
SHOW	Stardust				Weeds		Nurse	Weeds	Nurse	War	

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7:00		7:30		8:00		8:30		9:00		9:30		10:00		10:30		11:00		11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Be a Millionaire			Wipeout		Primetime: Crime				Local		Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live						
KBSL/CBS	Christine	Gary		Criminal Minds				CSI: NY				Local		Late Show-Letterman			Late Late			
KSNK/NBC	50 Funniest Phrases			America's Got Talent				The Philanthropist				Local		Tonight Show			Late Nigh			
KSAS/FOX	House			The Moment of Truth				Local												
Cable Channels																				
A & E		Bounty Hunter			Bounty Hunter				Criss Angel				Criss Angel				Bounty Hunter			
AMC		Out for Justice							Batman Begins											
ANIM		Untamed and Uncut			I Shouldn't Be Alive				I Shouldn't Be Alive				I Shouldn't Be Alive				I Shouldn't Be Alive			
BRAVO		Top Chef Masters			Top Chef Masters				Top Chef Masters				Top Chef Masters				Top Chef Masters			
CMT		Extreme-Home			Necessary Roughness								Necessary Roughness							
CNN		Campbell Brown			Larry King Live				Anderson Cooper 360								Larry King Live			
COMEDY		Daily	Colbert		Futurama	S. Park		S. Park	Michael		Daily	Colbert		S. Park	Michael					
DISC		MythBusters			Man vs. Wild				Verminators				MythBusters				Man vs. Wild			
DISN		An Extremely Goofy Movie			Montana				Wizards		Montana		The Suite	So Raven		Life With	Cory			
E!		Young-Vanish							Sexiest Miami Jobs				Chelsea		E! News		Chelsea	Kendra		
ESPN		MLB Baseball											SportsCenter				Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2		Softball							World Series				World Series				SportsNation			
FAM		Funniest Home Videos			Funniest Home Videos				Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club				10 Things		Ruby	
FOOD		Chefography			Flay		Flay		Dinner: Impossible				Summertime Unwrapped				Flay		Flay	
FX		Ex-Girlfriend							Ex-Girlfriend											
HGTV		Property	Property		House	Income		House	Estate		Amazing	My First		Property		Property		Property		