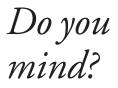
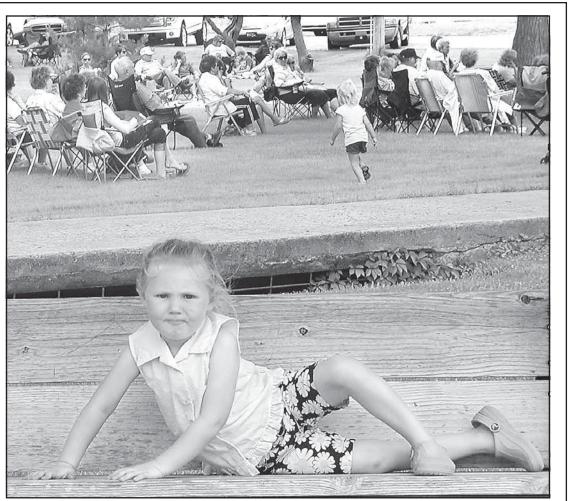
Family



Devyn Day frowned at the camera after stirring from a brief nap at the Fike Park playground Wednesday. Devyn and her family were at the park to hear the music of Margie Schoenfeld, who performed as part of the Picnic in the Park concert series at noon on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

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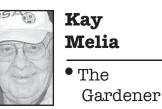


For best-tasting 'wabbit' food, choose the right carrot variety

I suppose there are very few people out there who make a habit of just sitting around thinking about carrots. But, if for any reason you do, you probably think about the classically shaped, long, tapering, pointy, orange root that Bugs Bunny has been seen chomping on for decades. But guess what, Doc! Those long pointed type of carrots are not the really sweet ones. Don't settle for wabbit food, especially when it's easier to grow sweeter ones in your backyard garden.

So, you might say, "All right, bunny breath. Just what are the sweetest and tastiest kind of carrots?" Before I reveal the secret, you should know that there are actually two "types" of carrots.

Actually, the most popular carrot purchase at the store is the small pre-packaged bag of perfectly shaped, machine-formed carrots that are ready to eat. But garden. And you'll pay a high because of their blunt ends, while is extra crispy, crunchy, and juic-



price for them. The common kind of carrot you see tied in bunches with their tops still on are nearly always the cheapest to buy, and they are the "Chantenay" type.

The other type is the "Nantes" type, and more and more garden catalogs these days are featuring the Nantes type of seed. Nantes types are much shorter carrots and and pick up a packet of Touchon have blunt ends, not pointy ones.

In answer to the above question, those who deal closely with the development of good carrots generally agree that the Nantes an heirloom, and those who grow blunt-end models are much sweet- them are particularly passionate er, and have much better carrot flavor than the Chantenays. Not only that, but Nantes-type carrots you can't grow that kind in your are easier to grow in most soils rot is one called Sweetness III. It

shapen by rocks or other impedi- market. ments.

All right, we have more or less established that the Nantes types are sweeter than the Chantenays, so let's dig a little deeper and suggest what variety of carrot, naturally a Nantes type, tops the list of backyard gardeners.

The general feeling among those who know carrots best is that one called Touchon is the best carrot for you to grow, and everyone should hurry down to the store seed this afternoon. Touchon carrots mature at 6 to 7 inches long in about 65 days, and are a French variety. Touchon is also about their positively pronounced sweetness.

Another noticeably sweeter car-

the Chantenay's force their roots ier than most. It is also the bestdeeper and are many times mis- selling carrot seed packet on the

My favorite carrot is one called YaYa, which I believe to have more absolute true carrot flavor. It may not be quite as sweet as Touchon or Sweetness III, but I believe that if Bugs Bunny ever takes time and makes the effort to find the best, he, too will choose YaYa. I also like them because I just like to say their name.

Of one thing I am convinced; when choosing a carrot variety to plant in your garden, always choose a Nantes type instead of a Chantenay. In this case, smaller is better.

Kansas State names semester honors

Several students from Thomas County at Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance in the spring 2013 semester.

Students with a grade average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 credit hours receive semester honors with commendations from their deans. Students earning semester honors include:

Colby: Megan Dougherty, Jeremy Harter, Joseph Heier, Jacob Hutfles, Rachel Juenemann, Matthew Oesterreich, Kylie Reitcheck, Paul Schiferl, Robert Schroeder and Cody Wark.

Brewster: Brenna McKee. Oakley: Will Clark.

Deaths

Russell Duane Jarboe

Russell Duane Jarboe, 89, re- ball and softball, bowling, scraptired Quinter area farmer, died books and photo albums, cartoons Friday, June 21, 2013, at the Gove and jokes, playing cards and Mo-County Medical Center Long nopoly. Term Care in Quinter.

He was born May 23, 1924, on the family farm east of Quinter, to Ora Samuel and Kathryn Margaret (Wolf) Jarboe. He attended Pleasant View country school until 1937, when the family went to Modesto, Calif., to work, returning to Quinter the following year. In 1942 he graduated from Quinter High School.

On July 27, 1947, he married Velvyn Lahman, at the Church of the Brethren in Quinter, with his uncle, Earl Jarboe, officiating.

A farmer, raising sheep and growing wheat and milo, he was also dedicated to his service in taking care of the Baker Township Cemetery just outside of Quinter, always willing to help people look for ancestors.

He was an active member of the Church of the Brethren in Quinter, serving as a deacon and usher. He was a member of Kiwanis and Home of Quinter. was on the board of trustees for Baker Township.

young people's sporting events and was a 4-H leader for many years. Produce from the family's joyed playing town team basket- com.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; a daughter, Suzanne Jarboe; a son-in-law, Douglas Bess; a brother and sister-in-law, Warren and Mary Jane Jarboe; a sister and brother-in-law, Eileen and Earl Barton; and a brother-in-law Don Landis.

Survivors include his wife, of the home: three daughters. Marilyn Bess, Bone Gap, Ill.; Deb (Curtis) Simon, Quinter; and Lori (Alan) Moore, Hays; a brother. Wayne (Marcele) Jarboe, and a sister, Leola Landis, both of Modesto; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at the church in Quinter with Pastor Keith Funk officiating and burial in the Baker Township Cemetery.

Visitation was to be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Schmitt Funeral

The family suggests memorials to the church or to the Quinter He enjoyed helping with the High School Athletic Department. in care of the funeral home, 901 South Main, Quinter, Kan., 67752.

Condolences for the family may garden was always shared. He en- be left at www.schmittfuneral.

Song leaders Cassandra and

Colby Comets 4-H Club

President Madison Zimmerman reminded members of the window decorating contest. called the regular monthly meeting of the Colby Comets 4-H Club to order last Monday at the Thom-Melissa Zimmerman and Malas County 4-H Building. Melissa lory Jackson led the club in the song "Little Green Frog." Proj-Zimmerman led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members answered roll call with "What do you like, summer or winter?" There were 17 members present.

Acting Secretary Abigail Wetter read the minutes from May; minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Samantha Lindberg was not present. Reporter Wetter had nothing to report. Club leader Angela 4-H pledge and the meeting was Zimmerman reminded members adjourned. of the fair work day on Thursday and fair entry deadlines. She also

ect talks were given by Courtney Tinkham on her goats and Melissa Zimmerman on her dog project. Recreation leaders Miah Jackson and Jenna Reinert led the club in the game "Toilet Tag." Acting

nounced the date of the next meeting. Club members recited the

Vice President Karissa Singer an-

- Abigail Wetter, reporter

Hot cars become deadly for children

As summer brings warmer temperatures, Safe their child alone in a car, but for the one parent that Kids Kansas reminds parents and caregivers to always check for sleeping children before leaving a vehicle, with the goal of having no more children die from heat stroke when they are forgotten in cars.

Since 1998, at least 569 children have died from heat stroke because they were left unattended in vehicles that became too hot for them to survive.

"As these tragedies continue to occur, Safe Kids Kansas is intensifying our efforts to get the message out that the inside of a vehicle is an extremely dangerous place for a child alone in hot weather," said your child's caregiver a safety net: Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. "Even on a mild day, the inside of a car can quickly become very hot. This care provider call you if your child is not dropped is a place no child should be alone, and because children's bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults, this makes them much more susceptible to heat stroke."

Although most would assume this would never happen to them, it has happened to caring and responsible families from all socio-economic, geographic and educational backgrounds. "Fatal Distraction," Gene Weingarten's Pulitzer Prize-winning article in The Washington Post at ow.ly/ldDwU, explains how these heartbreaking and preventable tragedies can happen to anyone.

"Reaching parents and caregivers with ways to prevent these tragedies will no doubt help keep kids safe. These heartbreaking incidents can happen to anyone, and public education is vital to combating these preventable occurrences," said Sage.

Nine out of 10 parents report that they never leave

does, things can end tragically. Never leave your child alone in a car, even for a minute.

Together, we can cut down the number of deaths and near-misses by remembering to ACT.

Avoid heat stroke-related injury and death by:

• Never leaving your child alone in the car, even for a minute.

• Consistently locking unattended vehicle doors and trunks.

Create reminders and habits that give you and

• Establish a peace-of-mind plan. Have your child off within 10 minutes of their expected time of care. Create a routine of texting or calling other caregivers when you drop your child off at child care so all of you know where your child is at all times.

• Place a purse, briefcase, gym bag, cell phone or an item that is needed at your next stop in the back seat near the child.

• Set the alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare.

Take action if you see an unattended child in a vehicle:

• Dial 911 immediately and follow the instructions that emergency personnel provide - they are trained to determine if a child is in danger.

For information on preventing child heat stroke deaths, please visit www.ggweather.com/heat and www.safekids.org/heatstroke.

Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.11
Corn (bushel)	\$7.07
Milo (hundredweight)	\$12.02
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.43



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