

Some packages of seed better than others

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• the gardener

I cannot remember ever buying a packet of bad vegetable seed, but I have discovered during about seven decades of gardening that some packets contain seed that is better than others.

I have no idea how many times I have uttered or written those words. If there is a single facet of gardening that inspires my passion, it is the seasonal decisions we make when we select our seed and transplants. Without any doubt whatsoever, I have proven to myself that certain varieties of seeds and plants are more productive in my garden than others. Not only do I get higher production, but I get better taste,

plus "bred-in" disease resistance. I doubt that I have convinced very many other gardeners of my varietal ideas, but I'm still trying.

Over the years, when trying to answer a question posed to me by a fellow gardener about a problem they may be having in their garden, I inevitably will answer their question with another question. (Back in 4th grade, Miss Dunn instructed me to never answer a question with

another question). But it is important to me to know the variety of the species they are growing in their gardens before I try to answer their question. The usual response to my question is that they have no idea. The seed packet said "sweet corn" so it must have sweet corn seed on the inside. The transplants they picked up at the big box store looked like tomato plants, so they must have been tomato plants. So I proceed to suggest to the inquirer that it is very important to know what you're planting. Some varieties have been proven to be better than others, not by me but by those whose job it is to

develop more viable garden crops. Here's a comparison I like to make. When I was a young farm kid, my Dad planted wheat varieties that today's wheat farmers wouldn't think of planting, even if the seed were available. I'm talking about varieties like Turkey, Tenmarq, Blackhull or Wichita. Vegetable varieties in those days included Rutgers and Sioux tomatoes, Black Seeded Simpson lettuce, and Early Alaska peas. There were few choices in those days, so you planted what you could get. Some of those old varieties are unfortunately still available.

So, you might ask... "OK smart guy... how do you know which varieties are tastier, disease resistant and

more productive?" A good way to start is to read the label on the packet or check the varietal information on the transplant. Read the description in your seed catalog to see if the seed offers some things that other varieties do not. Actually try something new! If you've always bought Big Boy tomato plants at your friendly garden center, try buying one they are offering that you have never heard of. That's how I found Super Tasty and Northern Expose tomatoes, although I bought the seed since I grow my own. Varieties such as Early Girl, Better Boy, and Best Boy cannot begin to match the production and quality of some of the new ones. Or select an All America winner, which has been proven to

produce well in every section of the nation. Talk to a horticulturist or Master Gardener or a friend who always seems to have a better crop of cucumbers or cabbage than you do.

Or you can check out Chapter 3, page 13 of my book, and read very nearly the same thing that I have written in this piece. If, for any reason you are dissatisfied with the name or variety of what you are growing this year, then next year TRY SOMETHING NEW! I've never bought a packet of bad seed, but I've discovered beyond a shadow of a doubt that some varieties are better than others!

Colby museum exhibiting locally made quilts

The Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin Ave., Colby is currently exhibiting a variety of quilts created by Colby resident Thesia Aschenbrenner. The quilts will be on display through Saturday, Sept. 6.

Aschenbrenner began quilting in the 1970s, and shows no sign of stopping. She is an active member of the quilting group that

sews together at the museum each Wednesday afternoon. Her works create a vibrant, colorful exhibit. Many traditional quilt patterns are represented, the names of which are as colorful as the quilts themselves: cathedral windows, pinwheel, tiny stars, hands all around and double wedding ring. Stars are a recurrent motif, shining brightly in four very distinct lone star quilts along with

a variety of other star-patterned quilts. Exquisite embroidered quilts and pillow shams round out this beautiful exhibit.

Each quilt represents a huge amount of time and effort, and Aschenbrenner has a story to tell about most of them. The museum will host

a reception for her from 1 to 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday, Aug. 14. Refreshments will be provided by the museum quilters.

The museum hours are 9-5 Monday through Friday, and 1-5 on weekends. Call 460-4590 for more information.

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds: Jackson A. Mitchek and Becky L. Mitchek, trustees of the Jack A. Mitchek Trust No. 1, dated December 14, 2005, to Larry Jerome Pribil, the W/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 27, and N/2 of Sec. 28, T9S, R41W.

Matthew J. Unger and Tiffany R. Unger convey and warrant to Matthew J. Unger and Tiffany R. Unger, a tract of land in W/2 of Sec. 31, T8S, R39W.

Richard D. Ziegler and Marilyn F. Ziegler, trustees of the Ziegler Family Trust, dated April 18, 2007, to Jay A. Sporer and Troy M. Sporer, the SE/4 of Sec. 27, T8S, R41W.

Juanita M. Barnett and Chi Ying Huang, Trustees of the Elbert Wade Barnett Trust dated May 3, 1995, to Juanita M. Barnett Trust dated May 3, 1995, all of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 35, First Addition to City of Goodland.

Lottie A. McKnight and Lavena Thompson quit claims to Brett L. Beringer and Jill M. Beringer, Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 28, in First Addition to City of Goodland.

Richard W. Jacobs, Successor Trustee of the James D. Cather Testamentary Trust, to Douglas W. Irvin and Jeanne A. Irvin, the NW/4 of Sec. 5, T6S, R38W.

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Sonya Townsend VanDiver and Michael VanDiver convey and warrant to Alan Townsend and Lynda Townsend, the NW/4 of Sec. 29, T9S, R40W.

Marjorie L. Cochrane to Steven Francis Mangus, Lots 6 and 7, Block 14, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

D&H Mobile Home, Inc. to Paula Jean Etrick, a tract of land in SW/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R38W.

First National Bank to Farline LLC, two tracts of land in NE/4 of Sec. 25, T8S, R40W.

Allen D. Quenzer and Doris L. Quenzer convey and warrant to: undivided 1/2 interest to the Allen D. Quenzer Revocable Trust UTD 8/7/2003 and an undivided 1/2 interest to the Doris L. Quenzer

Revocable Trust UTD 8/7/2003, the S/2 of Sec. 24, T7S, R38W.

Alfred V. Luke and Kathleen M. Luke convey and warrant to Allen D. Quenzer and Doris L. Quenzer, the S/2 of Sec. 24, T7S, R38W.

Kenneth E. Davis and Janet L. Davis to Homestead Heritage, L.P., the N/2 of Sec. 13, T7S, R40W and the NW/4 of Sec. 14, T7S, R40W, and grantor is reserving 1/2 of all minerals for a period of 10 years or for as long as any minerals are being produced.

Jimmy L. McKee and Judith A. McKee, Jon C. McKee and Lynda S. McKee convey and warrant to Jimmy L. McKee and Judith A. McKee, the NW/4 of Sec. 15, T7S, R37W.

Charles W. Campbell and Patricia A. Campbell to Frank Rameriz, Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 9, Third Addition to the City of Goodland.

Theresa Jo Williams, Chris Lee Williams and Erika L. Williams, quit claim to Chris L. Williams and Erika L. Williams, Lots 2 and 3, Second Addition to City of Goodland.

Vicki Cross and Mark Cross quit claim to Patrick M. Townsend, the SE/4 of Sec. 30, T9S, R40W, including a 56-acre tract referred to in a deed dated March 6, 2001, and filed May 10, 2006.

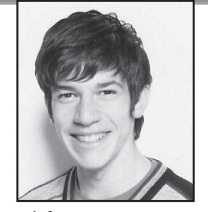
Mark Townsend and Elizabeth Townsend quit claim to Patrick M. Townsend, the SE/4 of Sec. 30, T9S, R40W, including a 56 acre tract.

Shari Culwell and James Theron Culwell quit claim to Patrick M. Townsend, the SE/4 of Sec. 30, T9S, R40W, including and 56-acre tract.

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<p>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</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 120 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70 (785) 694-2807 Pastor: Perry Baird Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Kanorado United Methodist Church Pastor: Leonard Cox 399-2468 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Word of Life 10th & Clark 1-888-781-3450 Pastor: (to be announced) Services: (to be announced) A Foursquare Gospel Church</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or 890-7245 Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jerry Nowack Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Pastor: Darian Hybl Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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