

# Few laughable incidents in the garden

By Kay Melia

Master Gardener  
vkmelia@yahoo.com

I suppose everyone has some kind of a funny story to tell about their gardening experience. Maybe not "ha ha" funny, but perhaps more like "strange" funny. Most of us who dig in the dirt in the backyard would have difficulty finding anything funny about this summer's gardening experience. There just can't be too many laughable incidents to talk about when the tomatoes refuse to set on in the searing heat and the sweet corn seems to be unusually smutty. I talked to a lady in Cheyenne Wells a couple of weeks ago who wasn't laughing about her cucumbers that were so bitter she finally just pulled up the vines.



**kay melia**  
• the gardener

And then there was this gardener in Decatur County who thought he was buying cucumber plants at the store last spring and they turned out to be zucchini. He wasn't laughing!

Or how about the gardener in Thomas County who decided to raise her own broccoli plants because she had some seed leftover from last year. The little plants thrived and she planted a dozen very healthy

plants at the proper planting time in her garden. As luck would have it, it was carryover cabbage seed she had planted, not broccoli seed. So what do you do when you have a lemon? You make lemonade, or in this case, something even better. The gardener secured a crock, and happily created many jars of homemade sauerkraut. And she now knows that cabbage seed and the resulting plants, greatly resemble broccoli seed and the resulting plants. End of story with a happy ending.

I have a watermelon story to contribute to the cause. Early last spring, I saw a watermelon variety available that caught my eye in the J.W. Jung seed catalog. It was a small 5 to 7 pound yellow watermelon

called Golden Crown. It was described as having bright red flesh with small black seeds, and was an All America winner in 1991. The catalog happily announced that "this melon tells you when it is ripe because the rind turns a rich golden yellow color when it is ready to pick!" Why hadn't I noticed this one years ago? We all know how difficult it can be to know for sure when a watermelon is ripe. But this one TELLS you by turning color!

One problem. What the seed catalog didn't tell me was that the little melons are yellow when they set on, and are yellow while they are growing, and, as advertised, yellow when they are ripe. So, how yellow? They've always been yellow for crying out loud! I picked one when I thought it

was the right size and the proper shade of yellow. Yeah, green as a shamrock. So I decided to wait a couple of weeks before I tried another.

I waited too long. While heading out to the garden early one morning, I noticed a couple of turkeys chowing down on something out there. Of course, it was the little yellow watermelons. The turkeys knew when those little yellow watermelons were dead ripe. Those two turkeys have been hanging around all summer, always getting a drink from the birdbath, but never bothering anything.

I'll not plant those little yellow watermelons next year, or the year after, or ever. I might plant a few zucchini in their place. Even a turkey won't eat zucchini!

# Program aims to keep kids safer on Internet

A statewide program aimed at keeping kids safer on the Internet reached 65,605 participants during the recently-completed fiscal year 2012, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

The Netsmartz program is presented throughout the state by the Kansas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs through a legislative appropriation. The interactive educational program was developed by

the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Boys and Girls Clubs of America for children ages five to 17, their parents, teachers and law enforcement officers. It uses age-appropriate, interac-

tive activities to teach individuals how to be safer online. In 2011 the program reached 60,585.

The programs are presented by specialized trainers throughout the state in classrooms and after school

programs.

To learn about the program, call the attorney general's office at (785) 296-2215 or visit [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov).

**Classifieds**  
**work!**  
**899-2338**

# Higher prices mean higher profits, right?

One of my favorite restaurants recently increased their prices. Higher prices mean higher profits, right?

Wrong. Increased prices led to fewer customers. Fewer customers led to slower turnover on the buffet. Slower turnover on the buffet led to lower quality of food. Lower quality of food led to even fewer customers. Even fewer customers led to even slower turnover...

Pricing is tricky. Your price has to be high enough to make a profit but low enough to not drive your market away. The right price is somewhere in between the cost of the item and the perceived value. Look at your costs. Look at your competitors' prices. Set your prices at the win-win point for you and your cus-

tomers, and adjust as needed.

Setting the right price is very important to your business. It's hard to recover from bad pricing.

This tip was brought to you by Western Kansas Business Consulting including Sherman County. We offer free and confidential business consulting to Kearny, Scott, Sherman and Wichita counties. For more information or to set up an appointment, contact Jamie Morpew at (620) 874-0771 or e-mail [wkbc@wbsnet.org](mailto:wkbc@wbsnet.org).



**jamie morpew**  
• business tips

# Commissioner looking for candidates

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger is seeking applicants for five \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to African-American students enrolled in Kansas universities, colleges or community colleges during the 2013 spring semester.

These African-American Monumental Life Settlement Scholarships came from a nationwide legal settlement regarding premiums charged by Monumental Life Insurance Company to African-Americans. Commissioner Praeger advocated for establishing a scholarship program for Kansas African-American college students with the state's share of the settlement. The Kansas Legislature passed a law designating the funds for these scholarships.

The deadline for spring semester 2013 applications is Oct. 1, 2012. A scholarship committee of community volunteers and department staff members will award the scholarships, which are renewable.

An applicant for the scholarship must meet these requirements:

- The applicant must be an African-American student.
- The applicant must be enrolled as a student at a Kansas accredited institution of higher learning during



**sandy praeger**  
• insurance comm.

the 2012-2013 school year.

The applicant must indicate on the application that his/her designated major is in one of the following: mathematics, computer science, business, accounting, economics, finance or investments.

The applicant must have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The applicant must supply an academic reference letter from a teacher or administrator at his/her higher learning institute, as well as a one-page essay describing career goals.

The applicant must be available to be interviewed.

Eligible students can contact the office of minority affairs or student financial aid at their colleges or universities for more information, or they can download the information and application online at the Kansas Insurance Department's website, [www.ksinsurance.org/gpa/scholarship.htm](http://www.ksinsurance.org/gpa/scholarship.htm), or on the department's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/kansasinsurancedepartment](http://www.facebook.com/kansasinsurancedepartment).

# Worship warms the heart



## Calvary Gospel Church

**Pastor:** Randy and Mary Payne

Fourth & College • 890-3605

**Sunday:** Kid's Church: 10 am

Morning Service: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month

**Wednesday:** Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m. during school year

Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m.

Life Groups - Call for information

Join us on Facebook

[www.calvarygospel.net](http://www.calvarygospel.net)

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Celebrant:** Father Norbert Dlabal

307 W. 13th • 890-7205

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am

**Spanish Mass:**

Sunday: 12:30 pm

## 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

## Pleasant Home Church

Serving the rural community

Celebrating 125 years of God's

gracious blessings!

Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70

(785) 694-2807

**Pastor:** Perry Baird

**Sunday:** Worship Service: 9 a.m.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Iglesia Del Dios Vivo

La Luz Del Mundo

Spanish Speaking Church - translation available

**Minister:** Jose S. Lopez

1601 Texas • 899-5275

**Daily Prayer:** Sunday thru

Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 a.m.

## United Methodist Church Brewster

**Pastor:** Mike Baughn

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

## 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.

**Thursday:** Prayer Class - Noon

**Pastor Carol's Class** 5:30 p.m.

[www.goodlandfccdoc.org](http://www.goodlandfccdoc.org)

## Kanorado United Methodist Church

**Pastor:** Leonard Cox

399-2468

**Sunday:** Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

## 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.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Celebrant:** Father Don Martin

13th & Center

Church 890-2115 or 890-7245

**Services:** 5 p.m. Saturday evening

**Bible Study:** 4 p.m. the first and third

Saturday of the month

## Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400

**Pastor:** Chad DeJong

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

Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.

6 p.m. AWANA during school

Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 6:30 youth group

Growth groups call for information

[www.goodlandbible.org](http://www.goodlandbible.org)

## 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

## H2O Church.TV

**Pastor:** Craig Groeschel

1022 Main

(785) 728-0123

**Experience Time**

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

## Harvest Evangelical Free Church

521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423

**Pastor:** Brian Fugleberg

**Sunday:** Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:**

Senior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church

Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church

[www.goodlandefree.com](http://www.goodlandefree.com)

## Seventh Day Adventist Church

1160 Cattletrail

**Pastor:** Jim McCurdy

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

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

13th & Sherman • 890-6161

**Pastor:** Darian Hybl

**Sunday:** Christian education/fellowship:

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service: 9 a.m.

## 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.

**The following sponsors urge YOU to attend your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:**

**Short & Son Trucking**

Hwy. 24

**Koons Funeral Chapel**

North Main

**Good Samaritan Center**

208 W. 2nd

**Goodland Star-News**

1205 Main St.

**KLOE/KKCE/JKWGB**

3023 W. 31

**SEE WHO'S NEW IN TOWN**

Communities with a local newspaper are smarter, stronger and closer. Their citizens are connected to one another, and invested in what happens around them.

Keep reading your local newspaper... and keep your community going strong.