

Winter Squash worth the wait

By Kay Melia

Growing winter squash in our backyard garden these days is a bit like smoking a pipe. Hardly anyone does it anymore. Actually, my dad was an avid pipe smoker, but he never planted a winter squash in his entire life. Which has nothing to do with anything, but to be perfectly honest, you've got to search diligently around Northwest Kansas to find anyone who will harvest one of those big blue, warty Hubbard squashes, the kind that has the wonderfully sweet flesh inside, and will store safely all winter when placed in a cool dry area.

Nowadays, gardeners, especially younger ones, will more likely devote space in their small garden for a couple of hills of pumpkin rather than to mess around with some kind of ugly winter squash. At least with a pumpkin, you have something the kids will enjoy, as a jack-o-lantern, not to eat.

Early last spring, a longtime area gardener knocked on my door one Sunday afternoon and handed me a packet of Cushaw

winter squash seed. The name was Cushaw. I had never heard of it. The lady explained that she just didn't have a decent growing area in her small backyard, and would I please grow some Cushaw for her? She said she and her late husband used to grow them each year, and enjoyed them more than any other winter squash they had ever grown. She found the seed last winter on the Ferry-Morse rack at the store.

The only winter squash I had ever grown was the well known Butternut squash, the one with the thick orange flesh and the nice nutty flavor that makes a better pumpkin pie than a pumpkin does....in my opinion. Plus, they're almost as tasty as a sweet potato when baked and properly seasoned....in my opinion. Several gardeners I know grow those nice looking Acorn winter squash, as well as the Buttercups and the newer Delicata. all are winter keepers, as opposed to summer squash such as zucchini, scallop, straight neck, crook-neck, and scads of others. Most winter squash require 90 to 100

growing days to reach maturity while those quick growing summer squash are usually ready in 45 to 50 days.

So, on May 14th, I planted 3 hills of Cushaw winter squash, 5 or 6 seeds to the hill. When they came up, I thinned them to 2 or 3 plants per hill, formed a "well" around them, mulched them heavily, and watered them regularly. They showed a good fruit set, and sent out long runners all the way into the zucchini, which unfortunately, didn't seem to bother the zucchini. The Cushaws grew rapidly into a beautiful cream-colored fruit with green stripes. They were big, too, with a crook-neck and a very large lower bowl. I picked them on Sept. 5th, a bit earlier than I expected, because they were beginning to sunburn.

The largest Cushaw weighed 13 pounds and I picked 13 of them and delivered them to my gardener friend. I kept one, and am anxious to cut into it. I also harvested a dozen Waltham Butternuts and will store them for the winter.

Capping it off



Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Priscilla Merriman look over a custom-made bar top at the home of Brian Schulze Sunday afternoon on the annual home tour. The home was one of two homes on the tour.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

POLICE LOG

Sept 5
Report of intoxicated driver
Parking citation
Report of individual looking in parked vehicles
Request by individual in Alma wanting extra patrol
Child custody issues from Lenora
Request for PD to check brake rotors on moving van
Vehicle stop
Report of individual looking around property without permission
Vehicle stop
Vehicle stop
Sept 6
Report of suspicious vehicle in Hospital parking lot
Report of two vehicle accident, Head Start
Activated alarm
Report of stolen firearms from vehicle

Report of suspicious individuals selling tools from pickup
Vehicle stop
Civil standby
Vehicle stop
EMS assist
Report of possible gas leak
Report of individual on their knees growling
Sept 7
Report of individual ringing bell on their porch
Service of court papers
Service of court papers
Service of court papers
Vehicle stop
Vehicle stop
Vehicle stop
Vehicle stop
Request to serve death notice
Sept 8
Report of individual inside their vehicle, 1:05am
Vehicle stop

Report of counterfeit \$20 bill
Report of vehicle speeding on highway south of town
Report of three dogs running loose
Report of vehicle blocking driveway
Vehicle stop
Vehicle stop
Sept 9
Vehicle stop
Vehicle stop
Sept 10
Vehicle stop, impounded vehicle
Warrant arrest
Keys locked in vehicle
Keys locked in vehicle
Questions about impounded vehicle
Report of theft
Vehicle stop
Sept 11
Vehicle stop
Report of two vehicle accident

PUBLIC RECORD

Norton County District Court
Cameron W. Burd, Alma, Kan., charge; speeding 78 in 65 mph, plea; guilty, fines and fees, \$161
Daniel Lee Burton, Colorado Springs, Colo., charge; speeding 80 in 65 mph, plea; guilty,

fines and fees, \$173
Glen Edd Harcrow, Rainsville, Ala., charge; speeding 85 in 65 mph, plea; guilty, fines and fees, \$203
Charles Keith Sander, Norton, Kan., charge; failure to yield at stop or yield sign, plea; guilty, fines and fees, \$173

Tanya M. Sporleder, Norton, Kan., charge; operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, plea; guilty, fines and fees, \$173
Brad Allan Thornbrough, Gideon, Mo., charge; failure to yield at stop or yield sign, plea; guilty, fines and fees, \$173

Hansen Museum is "Going Places"

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, Kansas is proud to present "Going Places", an exhibition made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is brought to you by Mid-America Arts Alliance and was organized by the Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages in Stony Brook, New York. This exhibit opened September 2, 2011 and will run through October 23, 2011. The exhibit holds forty one diverse artifacts (including a full-sized pony surrey, harness and tack and assorted carriage accessories) that speak volumes about our insatiable desire for travel, speed, and new technology. This Saturday, September 17, 2011, the 38th Annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair will be held. The craft show runs from 10 - 4. The chain saw artist will start performing at 8:00 am. We will have kid's games, tent, and amusements, free antique appraisals in the community room by Bob Jones, Certified Appraiser from Jennings, purchase prize drawings, drawings for two of the chain saw sculptures and lots of good food. "Inten-

sity" a clogging and dance team from Lincoln, Nebraska and "Uncalled 4" a local Barbershop quartet will be our live musical entertainment! Members of the quartet are: Bruce Bandy, Colby, Al Finkbeiner, Russell, Gary Horchem, Ransom and Warren Stafford, Hill City, Kansas. The Logan Historical Museum will be sponsoring an Antique Tractor Show. We have several crafters signed up and we welcome more. Call in and register for the free antique appraisals. Please plan to attend! There is no admission fee!!! For more information call 785.689.4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org. The Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show at the 35th Annual Labor Day Celebration had forty two entries. Top Ten People's Choice winners were: Rob Boardman, 1954 Ford F-100, Sherry & Dave Rouleau, 1917 Chalmers, Wayne Wittman, 1923 Ford T-Bucket, Bryan Phillips, 1970 Chevy Chevelle, Wayne Gottschalk, 1970 Chevelle SS, Kirk Nuzum, 1955 Chevy 210 Sedan, Lynn Menagh, 1931 Ford Roadster, Jerry Kessler, 1955 Chevy Pickup, David Posson, 1933 Ford

Pickup, and Russel & Jeanette Groothoff, 1967 Camero. Entrant's Choice winners were: Wayne Gottschalk, 1970 Chevelle SS, Russel & Jeanette Groothoff, 1967 Camero and David Posson, 1933 Ford Pickup. Carol's Choice winners were: Kirk Nuzum, 1955 Chevy 210 Sedan, Wayne Wittman, 1923 Ford T-Bucket and Dana Marintzer, 1967 Chevy Impala SS. The Traveling Trophy went to David Posson, 1933 Ford Pickup and the Feature Car winner was Bob Jackson, 1957 Corvette. Our September Artist of the Month is Staci Hartman from Logan, KS. Staci has wonderful paintings on display and for sale. Come in and check out our Artist of the Month corner! Museum hours are M-F 9-12 & 1-4; Sat. 9-12 & 1-5; Sun. & Holidays 1-5. We are handicapped accessible, there is never an admission fee and we have a free Wi-Fi Hotspot in the Community Room. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shirley at 785-689-4846 or check out our web at www.hansenmuseum.org.

The bunnies are multiplying.

This is not some biology experiment, but rather the rapidly growing number of toy bunnies and reading packets that are being distributed to families of newborn children in Emporia and beyond. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, they are being provided to encourage young families to read together and stimulate infants' language capacity.

Janice Romeiser and Eleanor Browning are founders of a project in Emporia called Read to Your Bunny. Janice and Eleanor are long-time teachers with roots in rural Kansas. Eleanor is originally from Woodbine. She met her husband at Emporia State University. They made their home on his family farm near Emporia. Janice grew up in Rush County and now lives with her husband at the rural community of Hartford, population 499 people. Now, that's rural.

Janice is director of the Teacher's College Resource Center at Emporia State. She and Eleanor are both special education reading instructors.

In 2007, Janice attended a reading conference in Chicago. One of the speakers was an author named Rosemary Wells who had written a book called Read to Your Bunny.

"It gave me goose bumps," Janice said. "Every family needs this book." The book reinforces the importance of parents reading regularly to their children at

the earliest age.

When Janice returned to Kansas, she told her office-mate, Eleanor Browning, "Wouldn't it be great if every child and young family could have this book?" Eleanor said she'd seen in the Emporia Gazette that the Emporia Community Foundation was seeking community projects, so Janice wrote a grant proposal to accomplish just that. The foundation staff loved it.

With grant funding and then ongoing support from the Emporia chapter of the National Education Association and others, every newborn at Emporia's Newman Memorial Hospital now receives a packet to encourage reading. The packet includes a hand-made, stuffed toy bunny, a copy of the Read to Your Bunny book, a discount coupon for a children's book at Town Crier, an invitation to the library for a free library card, and a refrigerator magnet which reminds parents to read to their baby 20 minutes a day.

"We call the hospital every day," Janice said. They hand-deliver the packets at the hospital and ship to other newborns when notified. Bunnies and packets have been shipped as far away as Nebraska, California, Florida, and even Germany.

The bunnies themselves are unique. They are hand-made, washable cloth bunnies. Volunteers fill them with soft batting during Bunny Bees at the library. Janice does the sewing.

Eleanor paints smiling faces on them. Bunnies come in all colors and designs of fabrics, most of which are donated.

Besides being a free toy, the bunnies serve as a reminder of the importance of reading to young children.

"Research shows that children who are read to as infants have the advantage in school," Janice said. "Reading is a positive way to activate early language skills and stimulate vocabulary growth which can make a huge difference."

"Children whose parents read to them do better in school, have better vocabulary, and are even better behaved," Eleanor said. Several volunteers and civic clubs have stepped up to help. One quilting group bought a template so the bunnies don't have to be cut out of the fabric by hand.

"There are other Read to Your Bunny programs around the country, but there are no others which offer this service at the hospital," Janice said. "Every time you walk into a hospital to see the family of a newborn baby, that is the opportune moment," Eleanor added. "It's a joyful and exciting time, and everyone is focused on the needs of this new little person."

As of mid-July 2011, the number of bunnies and packets which had been delivered to young families had reached 1,819.

38th Annual Hansen 2011 Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, September 17, 2011
Main Street, Logan Kansas

10am - 4pm

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KIDS ACTIVITIES

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All Day
Community Room - 10-12 **** 1-4

Purchase Prize &
Chain Saw Artist Drawings
11:45 & 2:15

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Turtle Races - Egg Toss -
Sand Treasure Hunt
Inflatable Fun - 11 - 4
Kid's Tent - 1 - 3
Free Helium Balloons
Face Painting

FOOD BOOTHS

Chain Saw Artist
8:00 * 10:00 **** 12:00 * 2:30
Drawings for two sculptures 11:45 & 2:15

10:00
12:00
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1:15

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