



# TWINTOWNS GARDENERS' MARKET

## WAHPETON, ND / BRECKENRIDGE, MN

### TTGM 2012 Season Ended

Thursday, September 27, was the last gardeners' market for the 2012 season.

It's been an eventful year. We started at the Wahpeton Community Center, but found that we were missing many of our past customers. We moved back to Second Avenue North in August, this time to the Richland County Courthouse lawn.

We would like to thank the City of Wahpeton and the Wahpeton Recreation Department for giving us a home when the Leach Public Library was unable to host our market. We would also like to thank the Richland County Commissioners for agreeing to host the market and inviting us to the Courthouse lawn. Thanks also to Harris Bailey for his help in making the transition.



Catching up on homework

Most of all we would like to thank our customers for supporting us. We couldn't do this without you!

This is the last regularly scheduled newsletter of the season. We will begin our regular schedule again next summer.

In the meantime, we will publish newsletters as needed. We would really like to hear from you. Please send photos or information to include in our next newsletter.

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#### We're on the Web!

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



Pounds of food donated to Richland Wilkin Food Pantry by TTGM this year:

**706**

Market customers and vendors donated 706 pounds of food and \$6.00 to the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry in 2012.

The Richland Wilkin Food Pantry is always in need of donations. We hope you will consider donating canned goods, cash, or your extra garden produce to the food pantry.

Donations may be taken directly to the Pantry at 699 8th Avenue South in Wahpeton on Tuesdays through Fridays between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., or on Thursdays between 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Karen Stroklund at 701-642-5848.

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## Children's Day at the Market

September 6 was Children's Day at the TTGM. Children participated in games and activities that taught about healthy foods. We would especially like to thank Rita Lofberg, owner and operator of Little Buddies Day Care, for providing a number of activities.



Rita Lofberg explaining how to paint with vegetables.

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Look what I can do with my slinky.

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Playing in the "potato flakes" box.

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## Web Links to the Experts

The National Center for Home Food Preservation has current research-based recommendations for most methods of home food preservation: <http://nchfp.uga.edu/>

NDSU Agriculture and University Extension has approved processing information and recipes at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/preservation.html> and <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndsuaug/food-nutrition/food>.

NDSU Agriculture and University Extension has many educational brochures available on the web: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/>. Many of these materials are also available at the Richland County Extension Office.

NDSU Extension Service publishes a nice on-line magazine called Dakota Gardener: <http://www.dakotagardener.com/> The articles are also archived so you can read past articles.

Try searching You Tube for NDSU. You will find many videos on a variety of subjects. Here's one of Ron Smith showing you what to do now to prepare your garden for spring: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSB0UL4E\\_z4&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSB0UL4E_z4&feature=relmfu)

Go to the NDSU Extension Service—Cass County site for a list of many horticultural and gardening videos and materials: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/casscountyextension/horticulture>

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## How to Keep Squirrels Out of Your Bird Feeder



One day I caught this squirrel trying to chew through the wire on my squirrel-proof bird feeder.

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When chewing didn't work, he went to the top of the squirrel-proof feeder and chewed through the cedar top.

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I brought a new all-metal squirrel-proof bird feeder. He figured out how to take the cover off.

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I bought a squirrel feeder. Now we're all happy!

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By Penny Seifert