

Good Growing!

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Artichokes? In Helena?

It has leaves that would scare a rhinoceros and in the middle there is a tall, strong stalk that seems to shout out to anyone who walks by the garden. "Look at me! I'll bet I'm the only artichoke in Lewis and Clark County!"

Artichokes can be grown in a Helena garden? Aren't they those things you find packed in a can on a grocery store shelf waiting to become an ingredient in a recipe for hot artichoke dip?

When our tiny artichoke seedling was planted in June, most of us rolled our eyes and shook our heads. Why had the girls picked this plant?

We were wrong. The FCH artichoke has not only survived, but it has proudly produced a large "mama choke" and two sweet, lit-

tle "baby chokes." Way to go FCH plant selection team. You're the winners!

Our Artichoke!



FCH Invents New Vegetable?

There is a curious plant in our garden. It seems to be a cucumber that has genetically entangled itself with the neighboring tomatoes.

Our "tomacumbers" are round like tomatoes and pale green in color instead of a cucumber green. Yes, they look funny but they taste just like a real cucumber.

What else is growing in our lovely garden?

Enough tomatoes to feed Helena High, carrots, leeks, onions, celery, the horseradish plant that hopes someone will be brave enough to sample its roots and all kinds of herbs waiting to be added to spaghetti sauces.

And check out our great banana peppers — sweet and tasty!

If Helena decides to have a "Prettiest Garden in Town" contest, we know who the winner will be!

Grow little garden, wow!
with little janna



The FCH Garden art was designed by Cindy Carter with loving assistance from our moms, some creative toddlers and our staff. Thank you!





