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Hay Springs, NE 69347

May 2024

Covid/Friends Trigger Greenhouse Business

Covid triggered lots of lifestyle changes for many people including Keri and Craig Wyatt of rural Chadron.

"When Covid first started, we became concerned with the food supply chain. Considering our rural location, most food is trucked hundreds to thousands of miles. Produce is either picked prematurely or preserved with chemicals to survive until it reaches our home. That means we have lower quality and not as healthy food available to us to begin with. If something major disrupts the system, food scarcity could be a real danger for people of our area. That thought was the first of several things that led to us starting Wyatt's Country Gardens & Greenhouse," explained Keri.

Craig and Keri were married in 2002 which gave them a blended family of five children, which are all now adults with their own families. Craig, who has owned a construction business the past 40 years, built their home in 2003 northeast of Chadron with plenty of land for a huge garden, and better yet a greenhouse.

There were a couple of other factors that played into the decision to launch a greenhouse. Their son, Cole Wyatt, was part of the group trying to start the farm to table grocery store in Hay Springs. "He came to us and suggested we start growing enough produce to sell to the grocery store. We also learned about Pat and Karen Runkle of Little Ladybug Greenhouse, south of Hay Springs, were wanting to sell their hoop house style greenhouse."

Next, their daughter's mother-in-law, Deb Colburn who owns Sunshine Greenhouse in Valentine, approached Keri with an idea. Deb has customers that drive hours just to buy her plants because they are so high quality. "Because some of her customers are closer to Chadron than Valentine, Deb



Keri and Craig Wyatt, owners of Wyatt Country Gardens and Greenhouse, located northeast of Chadron have prepared for a busy spring and summer.

asked if we would like to sell her plants from our place," said Keri.

"So, we met with Runkles, who were very encouraging and extremely helpful on the farmers' market garden side of the business. There was also lots of positive feedback about the possibility of having a greenhouse for plant sales from people in the area. After much prayer and discussion, we decided to move forward with starting Wyatt's Country Gardens & Greenhouse," noted Keri.

The Wyatt's original greenhouse is 30 feet wide by 96 feet long. "The second greenhouse we are putting up this year is 30 feet wide by 64 feet long," said Keri.

"We use both drip and overhead watering systems. We have a starting assembly for the drip system that allows us to water specific areas of the garden with timers that water for specified lengths of time at designated times of the day," explained Keri.

The real unique feature they have is their tomato trellising system. "Indeterminate tomatoes will continue to grow as long as the conditions are favorable. Therefore, we use a hook and wicket (Continued on Page 2)



Just a small sample of the plants that were available in 2023 which have been expanded this spring.

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Wyatt's Greenhouse ~

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trellis system to utilize an adapted lower and lean method. Basically, it is a system that trellises the tomato in a way that, as the plant grows, we can lower the area where tomatoes are growing to a height we can get to them without using a ladder. As the plant is lowered, it is

laid across wickets (support braces) that hold the plants weight while also keeping it off the ground. We also heavily prune our tomatoes, taking them down to just one main vine and removing any suckers and excess leaves. This is beneficial in many ways. It helps with air circulation within the tomato plants, preventing disease. It also allows the plants to focus on producing fruit instead of leaves. Plus, it makes trellising and harvesting much easier."

What makes Wyatt Greenhouse unique? "We sell plants grown in this area for this area. We sell the plant starts/plants out of the front portion of the greenhouse and grow tomatoes for market out of the back portion," explained Keri.

They try to provide the best customer service possible. "We take pre-orders for plant starts. We make multiple trips to our greenhouse supplier for special request items," said Wyatt. They take seed pods of hard to find produce from a customer and plant them for the customer since they have the facility to start plants indoors. Wyatts grow varieties of produce on request by their farmers' market produce stand customers.

In the greenhouse portion of the business, they offer annuals, perennials, vegetable garden plant starts, fruit trees, deciduous trees, shrubs, roses, hanging baskets, and planters. "We also have a unique item for sale - Wild Valley Farm wool pellets. Wool is highly absorbent so, when the pellets are mixed in with your soil, you don't have to water as often. The pellets are also a NPK 9-0-2 slow release organic and sustainable fertilizer. Additionally, wool pellets increase the porosity of the soil for optimal root growth, reducing the need for additives like perlite or vermiculite," explained Keri.

"This year we are excited that we will also be offering seeds from MI Gardener, a family owned and operated business in Michigan that provides organic seeds at a



A beautiful selection of snapdragons.



Keri Wyatt busy pruning the huge tomato plants in the trelise system last summer.

reasonable price," said Keri.

Wyatts offer custom planters, which are great for occasions including Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Flower arrangements can be made in unique items like bird cages, cream cans, pedestal sewing machine cabinet and pretty much any customer special requested arrangements.

This huge garden and greenhouse requires some pre-planning. "We go straight from the harvesting one season to planting garlic (in September or October) for harvesting the next summer. But I consider the true start of the garden season as happening in November when I start planning which crops we will grow in which location of the garden (because of crop rotation) and start ordering seeds. Our earliest seeds (onion and tomato) planted indoors are in



February. Many other crops are started indoors in March and April. A few cold hardy plants are direct seeded in the greenhouse with frost protection at the ready in March. Most of our (Continued on Page 3)

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crops that are direct seeded outdoors are planted mid-May."

The Wyatts plant about 350 to 400 tomato seeds. Other crops that are started indoor include lettuces, spinach, kale, kohlrabi, cabbage, onions, peppers, cucumbers, summer and winter squashes, pumpkins, and melons.

All these flowers and plants need a lot of tending to, so they typically have two part time helpers. "We have had a neighbor, a family member, and an FFA student work for us. As we expand, we hope to hire more employees," said

Owning your own business comes with a lot of responsibility. "In some ways, you have flexibility. In other ways, you are tied down by the business. If you don't work, you don't have an income coming in," said Keri. "Craig does like the challenge of owning his own business and the variety of jobs his construction business offers."

Keri likes being able to be there for her family, whether it is an event one of her kids is involved in or helping her parents, siblings, or in-laws. So, she appreciates the freedom she has to take off time when she needs it.

"We both have a heart for helping feed our community with healthy produce grown without chemicals and aren't shipped from hundreds if not thousands of miles. Craig's grandpa had a truck garden on the family's homestead south of Hot Springs, S.D., so in many ways, gardening is

in Craig's blood and he started gardening as a child. Keri really started enjoying gardening about 10 years ago and today she is now a Master Gardener. She always liked planting flowers in the few small flower beds she had. One year, after hearing a friend talk about her raised bed vegetable garden she and Craig put in a raised bed garden and it became Keri's place of peace and creativity.

When the Wyatts aren't busy with their greenhouse and construction businesses, they enjoy spending time with their five children and 14 grandchildren (and one more on the way). They include: LaRee and Trent Colburn and their six children; Son Cole and his wife Sammy Jo Wyatt and their six children; son Blaine and wife Cait Wyatt - two children and one on the way; daughter Bryanna Scheuler and last but not least son Jace Wyatt.

Wyatt's Country Gardens & Greenhouse are located at 436 Beaver Valley Road, three and a half miles northeast of Chadron, (two miles east of Chadron, turn north onto Slim Buttes Road one mile, then turn east onto Beaver Valley Road and then a half mile and turn north / left at the second driveway entrance. There is a "Wyatt's Country Gardens & Greenhouse" sign by the highway where you turn.

Wyatt's Greenhouse will open April 28, with hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday through Friday. They are closed on Saturdays. Once they have enough produce available to sell typically in July, they will set up our farmers' market produce stand in Chadron (in the FNBO bank parking lot) on Fridays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

5th Grade Conservation Festival Wed., May 1 Thurs., May 2 Boys Golf at Kimball, 9 a.m. GRMS Spring Concert, 7 p.m. 9 Ft. BB Tourney, GRHS Host, all day May 3-5 Fri., May 3 Track (MS-V) at Valentine, 9 a.m. Sat., May 4 G-R MS Dance, 7:30-10 p.m. Mon., May 6 GRHS Athletic Awards Ceremony, 6 p.m. Tues., May 7 Boys Golf at Bayard, 9 a.m. GES 2nd Grade Field Trip Wed., May 8 Thurs., May 9 Track at NSAA Districts Boys Golf at Valentine, 9 a.m. GRHS Graduation, 10:30 a.m. Sat., May 11 Mon., May 13 Boys Golf C-5 Districts at Lakeside, 9 a.m. BOE Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Tues., May 14 **GEW K-1st Ag Safety Day** Wed., May 15 PreK Field Day, 1 p.m. Thurs., May 16 **GES K-2nd Track Day at Rushville** K-2 Going Bananas Field Day at GRMS May 16-18 State Track at Omaha **GES 3-5th Track Day at GRHS** Fri., May 17 Pre-K Graduation, Rushville Elem., 6-7 p.m. Mon., May 20 GES PreK Last Day & Grad., Gordon Make-Up Field Days **Boys State Golf Championships** Tues., May 21 Moving Forward Day, Rush. Elementary Rushville EOY Awards, 1-2 p.m. Wed., May 22 **GES Last Day of School End of Fourth Quarter**

CrawfordRams

Wed., May 1 Golf at Gering, 9 a.m. Thurs., May 2 Elementary Spring Concert, 6-7:30 p.m. Fri., May 3 HS Track at Bayard B-C-D, 8:30 a.m. May 4-5 HS Rodeo at Burwell Tues., May 7 Seniors Final Day, 8 a.m. Golf at Bayard, 9 a.m. Activities Banquet, 6 p.m., Gym Wed., May 8 HS Track - District Meet, tbd, 9 a.m. Thurs., May 9 Golf at Home (Best Ball Tournament), 9 a.m. Fri., May 10 Honors Night, 6 p.m., HS Gym **NHS Induction, following Honors Night** Graduation Practice, 9 a.m., HS Gym HS Rodeo at Madison May 11-12 Sat., May 11 JH State Track Graduation Ceremony, 1 p.m., HS Gym Mon., May 13 District Golf at North Platte School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Thurs., May 16 End of 2nd Semester, Last Day for Students & Staff May 17-19 State Track at Omaha Burke Sat., May 18 HS Rodeo at Thedford Sun., May 19 HS Rodeo at Stapleton May 21-22 Class D State Golf in North Platted Sat., May 25 HS Rodeo at Atkinson Sun., May 26 HS Rodeo at Valentine

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Fri., May 31

Thurs., May 2 K-12 Grade Vocal Music Concert, 6 p.m.

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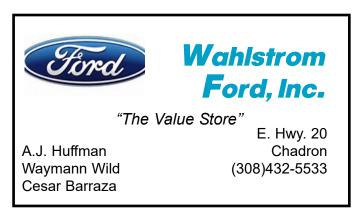
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Fri., May 2	Track at (V) at Bayard	Mon., May 13	Boys Golf Districts at Lakeside Golf
Mon., May 6	FFA Banquet, 6 p.m.		Course, Elwood, 9 a.m.
Tues., May 7	Seniors Last Day	May 15-16	State Track at Omaha Burke, 9 a.m.
	Golf at Bayard, 9 a.m.	Fri., May 17	Last Day of School
	Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m.	May 21-22	Boys State Golf, tba
Wed., May 8	Sports Physicals for any current	Hay Spring	rsHawks
Thurs., May 9	8-11 Grader, 8 a.m. District Track, tbd	Wed., May 1	Boys Golf at Gering Invite, tbd
Thurs., May 9	Boys Golf at Crawford, 9 a.m.		5th Grade Conservational Festival Field Trip
Fri., May 10	Honors Day, 9 a.m.	Thurs., May 2	4th-5th Spring Musical, Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Sat., May 11	State Track (JH) at Gothenburg	Fri., May 3	Track (JH-V) Meet at Valentine Invite, 9 a.m.
can, may	Graduation, 2 p.m.	Tues., May 7	Boys Golf at Bayard Meet, tbd
Mon., May 13	Boys Golf at North Platte		\$5 Physicals at Chadron
,	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Wed., May 8	Senior Hawk Talk at Senior Center, 8 a.m.
May 17-18	State Track at Omaha		District Track, 9 a.m., tbd
May 21-22	Boys State Golf		Kindergarten (3-4 p.m. & Preschool
Tues., May 21	Students Last Day of School,		Roundup (4-4:30 p.m.)
	2 p.m. Dismissal	Thurs., May 9	Boys Golf at Crawford, tbd
	_ p 2.000a.		ML-HS Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.
Chadron Cardinals		Sat., May 11	Graduation, 2 p.m.
Wed., May 1	Boys Golf at Gering Monument Shadows, 9 a.m.	Mon., May 13	Boys Golf Districts, tba
- 1	- 1 00 1 D	May 15	State Track at Omaha

Wed., May 1 Fri., May 3 Sat., May 4 Sun., May 5	Boys Golf at Gering Monument Shadows, 9 a.m. Track (V) at Bayard, 8:30 a.m. Track (MS) at Gering, 9 a.m. Baccalaureate, HS Aud., 7 p.m.	Mon., May 13 May 15 Mon., May 20	Boys Golf Districts, tba State Track at Omaha Pre-School Graduation & Ice Cream Social, 3-4 p.m. State Golf Elementary Track & Field Day, 8:30 a.m.
Mon., May 6 Tues., May 7	Honors Night, HS Aud., 7 p.m. Track Districts at Ogallala	Tues., May 2	
Wed., May 8 Thurs., May 9 Sat., May 11	Seniors Last Day Boys Golf at Crawford Legend Buttes, 9 a.m. Graduation, 10 a.m., CHS	Thurs., May 23 Fri., May 24	Elementary Awards, 2:30 p.m. Last Day of School, Half Day Teacher Inservice









NRPPD SAFETY

Six Ways to Make Farm Safety a Priority This Spring

Spring planting season is a busy time, so farm families need to be extra dilligent about safety. Follow these tips for a safe season.

By Lisa Foust Prater

During the spring planting season, farmers often rush to get into the fields, where they work extremely long hours. Here are some tips for keeping everyone safe.

- 1. Get good sleep: When you spend a lot of time working, you become fatigued; when you are fatigued, you make poor decisions about your safety. "If you are working long hours, you need to take breaks so you can reenergize.
- 2. Be cautious with anhydrous: Do general inspections of anhydrous ammonia tanks before using them in the fields. If a tank has a water storage supply on the side, it needs to be full before going out in the field. Anhydrous ammonia, when spilled, can cause severe burns to eyes, lungs, and skin. Because it is attracted to water, the best way to minimize injury after a spill is to douse the victim with water.
- 3. Check your equipment: Do an equipment check before heading out on the road. Safety guards, headlights, taillights, hazard signs, goggles, and gloves should be checked before planting begins. Also, be





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sure to fold equipment into transport position, even when moving between fields. Make sure all exposed PTO units are properly guarded.

- 4. Don't expect too much from kids: To limit injuries and to avoid risk, Schwab suggests developing family rules appropriate to the age and stage of each family member, involving youth in farm safety projects, inspecting the farm for obvious hazards, and teaching youth proper safety skills. Never allow kids or other riders on tractors, farm implements, wagons, or trailers, or inside the bed of a pickup truck.
- 5. Look up and look out: Before you begin planting, scout the fields and make note of ditches and other hazards you may have forgotten about. Make sure employees know about them too. When moving augers and other large equipment, have another person act as a spotter for you to make sure you don't come into contact with power lines. If you are in a piece of equipment that makes contact, stay in the cab and call for help.
- 6. Mind your movement: Whether you're riding in an uncomfortable cab for hours on end, lifting heavy objects the wrong way, or doing seemingly harmless movements over and over, you're at risk for injury. Pay attention to your movements and the ergonomics of the tools you're using, and stretch during breaks.

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Aunt Norma's Rhubarb Muffins

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups diced rhubarb
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Streusel:

- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease two 12-cup muffin pans or line with paper cups.

To make the muffins: Stir flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt together in a medium bowl. Beat brown sugar, buttermilk, oil, egg, and vanilla in a separate bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Pour in dry ingredients and mix by hand just until blended. Stir in rhubarb and walnuts. Spoon batter into the prepared cups, filling almost to the top.

To make the streusel: Stir sugar, melted butter, and cinnamon together in a small bowl; sprinkle about 1 teaspoon streusel on top of each muffin.

Bake in the preheated oven until muffin tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 25 minutes. Cool in the pans for at least 10 minutes before removing them.

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- 1 pound lean ground beef
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- 1/4 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- · 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil

Mix ground beef, croutons, sweet onion, egg, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, red pepper flakes, and Cajun seasoning in a large bowl until well combined. Form mixture into meatballs by hand.

Melt butter in olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Place meatballs in the hot skillet. Cook, turning constantly, until desired doneness is reached, about 20 minutes. An instantread thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees For well done.

Peanut Butter Banana Smoothie

- · 2 bananas, broken into chunks
- 2 cups milk
- ½ cup peanut butter
- · 2 tablespoons honey, or to taste
- 2 cups ice cubes

Place bananas, milk, peanut butter, honey, and ice cubes in a blender. Blend until smooth, about 30 seconds.

Asparagus Wrapped in Crisp Prosciutto

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 16 spears fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 16 slices prosciutto

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil, and coat with olive oil.

Wrap one slice of prosciutto around each asparagus spear, starting at the bottom, and spiraling up to the tip. Place the wrapped spears on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated oven for 5 minutes. Remove, and shake the pan back and forth to roll the spears over. Return to the oven until asparagus is tender and prosciutto is crisp. another 5 minutes. Serve immediately.

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May 3: Constitution Memorial Day, Chocolate Custard Day, Montana Day, No Pants Day, Public Radio Day.

May 4: 45 Day, Anti-Bullying Day, Firefighters' Memorial Day, Greenery Day, Kentucky Derby, KIND Day.

May 5: Bereaved Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mayday for Mutts, Hoagie Day, Concert Day, Lemonaid Day.

May 6: Sun Awareness Week, International No Diet Day, Nurses Day, Open Farm Day, Westminster Dog Show.

May 7: National Foster Care Day, Roast Leg of Lamb Day, National Teachers' Day, National Avery Day.

May 8: Iris Day, Coconut Cream Pie Day, Give Someone a Cupcake Day, Receptionist Day, No Socks Day.

May 9: Butterscotch Brownie Day, Moscato Day, Make a Book Day, Lost Sock Memorial Day, Christina Day.

May 10: Child Care Provider Day, Clean Your Room Day, National Golf Day, Small Business Day, Lupus Day.

May 11: Archery Day, Birth Mother's Day, Brunch for Lunch Day, Dog Mom Day, Babysitter Day, Windmill Day.

May 12: International Day of Plant Health, Mother's Day, National Hospital Day, Nutty Fudge Day, Hospital Week. May 13: National Apple Pie Day, Frog Jumping Day, Tulip Day, Dementia Awareness Week, Bike to Work Week.

May 14: Bond with Your Dog Day, Dance Like a Chicken Day, The Stars and Stripes Forever Day, Buttermilk Biscuit Day.

May 15: Asphalt Day, Bring Flowers to Someone Day, Family Day, Chocolate Chip Day, National Police Week.

May 16: Drawing Day, Barbecue Day, Love a Tree Day, Mimosa Day, Waiters Day, Craft Beer Week, Law Week.

May 17: NASCAR Day, Cherry Cobbler day, Bike to Work Day, Graduation Tassell Day, Idaho Day, Pizza Party Day.

May 18: I Love Reese's Day, Armed Forces Day, Learn to Swim Day, National Doughnut Week, World Whiskey Day.

May 19: Emergency Medical Services Day, Devil's Food Cake Day, Plant Something Day, Rural Life Sunday.

May 20: Be a Millionaire Day, Flower Day, Pick Strawberries Day, National Rescue Dog Day, World Bee Day.

May 21: Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day, American Red Cross Founder's Day, World Fish Migration Day.

May 22: Buy a Musical Instrument Day, Boss Babe Day, Julie Day, Vanilla Pudding Day, National Safe Boating Week.

May 23: Lucky Penny Day, National Drinking with Chickens Day, National Reed Day, World Turtle Day.

May 24: Carb Day, Asparagus Day, National Brother's Day, Road Trip Day, Mike Day, National Cooler Day.

May 25: Geek Pride Day, Global Africa Day, Brown-Bag It Day, George Day, Italian Beef Day, Children's Gardening Day.

May 26: General Prayer Day, Indianapolis 500, Blueberry Cheesecake Day, Cherry Dessert Day, Red Head Day.

May 27: Memorial Day, Grape Popsicle Day, National Gray Day, Sunscreen Day, National Barbecue Week.

May 28: International Burger Day, Brisket Day, World Hunger Day, Whooping Crane Day, National Jake Day.

May 29: Learn About Composting Day, Mount Everest Day, Flip-Flop Day, Snail Day, World Otter Day, Oak Apple Day.

May 30: National Creativity Day, Hole in My Bucket Day, World MS Day, Loomis Day, National Jennifer & Sofia Day.

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- My mother taught me: Religion! "You better pray that will come out of the carpet!"
- 3. My mother taught me about Time Travel! "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- 4. My mother taught me: Logic! " Because I said so, that's why!"
- 5. My mother taught me: More Logic! "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, I'm not going to get sausages for tea!"
- 6. My mother taught me: Foresight! "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident!"
- 7. My mother taught me Irony! "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about!"
- 8. My mother taught me about: The Science of OSMOSIS! "Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"
- 9. My mother taught me about: Contortionism! "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- 10. My mother taught me about: Stamina! "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone!"
- 11. My mother taught me about: Weather! "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it!"
- 12. My mother taught me about: HYPOCRISY! "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
- 13. My mother taught me about: The Circle of Life! "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out!"
- 14. My mother taught me about: Behaviour Modification! "Stop acting like your father!"
- 15. My mother taught me about: Envy! "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"
- 16. My mother taught me about: Anticipation!



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- "Just wait until we get home!"
- 17. My mother taught me about: Receiving! "You ain't half gonna get it when I get you home!"
- 18. My mother taught me: Medical Science!
- "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way!"
- 19. My mother taught me ESP!
- "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- 20. My mother taught me: Humour!
 - "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me!"
- 21. My mother taught me: How to become an adult! "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up!"
- 22. My mother taught me: Genetics!
 - "You're just like your father!"
- 23. My mother taught me about: My roots! "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn!"
- 24. My mother taught me: Wisdom!
- "When you get to be my age, you'll understand!"
- 25. My mother taught me about: JUSTICE!
- "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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