Mike and the beanstalk

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The pole beans in Mike Halbman's Fredonia garden are spectacular, but they're just a small part of a vegetable extravaganza featuring produce from 178 plants

There are few people more passionate about their vegetable garden than Michael Halbman of Fredonia.

"They call me 'Mike and the Beanstalk," Halbman said as he stood next to trellised tomato plants that already stretch to his kitchen window and will eventually reach the roof of his ranch home on Fredonia Avenue.

"We'll be able to pick them right out the window. We did that last year."

