

# The winner's circle



The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce held its 7th annual Winner's Circle on Saturday at the Eagles Lodge. (Pictured from left to right) Chamber board member David Davis, Russ Erbert, Chamber board member Mike Haresnape, Nancy Kent, Ron Kent and Chamber board member Joel Duscher enjoy one of the many games as part of the evening's entertainment, which also included a social hour, dinner and a performance by comedian David Kious. The chamber event is a fund-raiser and social event for area businesses and the community.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# PUBLIC RECORD

## Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

### Sept. 27

Sept. 12-Harold Bruening, Superior, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 35 in 20 school zone; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$160, costs \$76, total \$236.

Sept. 11-Tresa Baker, Colby; Charge: Speeding 49 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$54, costs \$76, total \$130.

Sept. 10-Joshua Carter, Carbondale, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 44 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Sept. 1-Bonnie Sweigart, Norton; Charge: 1. No driver's license, 2. DUI, 3. Improper turn; Plea: 3. Guilty; Other action: Diversion 1 and 2; Found: 3. Guilty; Sentence: 3. Fine \$60- 1 and 2, one year diversion and probation, assessment \$500, diversion fee \$200-must obtain driver's license within 60 days. Must get alcohol drug evaluation, total \$836.

Sept. 15-Sonja Kinter, Phillipsburg; Charge: Speeding 45

in 35; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended to 75 in 65; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

May 14-Dylan Spradlin, Norton; Charge: 1. Passing on the right, 2. Basic speed; Plea: Not guilty; Other action: Failed to show for trial; Found: Guilty; Sentence: 1. Fine \$60, 2. \$60, costs \$76, total \$196.

Aug. 30-Zachery Sheldon,

Kensington; Charge: Speeding 44 in 35; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Sept. 14-Sue Ann Stutheit, Norton; Charge: Leaving scene of motor vehicle accident; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended by city prosecutor to defective brakes; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$60, costs \$76, total \$136.

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# Say good riddance to tomatoes

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My original plan for today's epistle was to write, at length, about the average first frost dates in the individual areas in which these words are read. But as I write today, it is Friday, Oct. 5, exactly a week before one of the papers that so generously allows me to use their space, actually reaches their subscribers.

And so, I must be very careful not to pass along information on activities or events that have already taken place. Such oversight will cause readers to think I am some kind of dumb. I have long understood that that may be the case anyway, but now, I face a critical decision.

You see, the National Weather Service has issued a forecast for the next couple of days, Oct. 6 and 7, that if correct, will effectively put an end to the growing season in all areas of this column's circulation. Keep in mind that the papers that publish these ramblings will go to the printer AFTER the scary forecast for

Oct. 6 and 7. Still, they must have this blog in their hands no later than today, Oct. 5.

Really, there is no serious problem here. If the National Weather Service says it is going to freeze Oct. 6 and 7, then it is certainly going to freeze on Oct. 6 and 7. I just hope they are also correct about a pretty good chance of some form of precipitation.

But really, fellow gardeners, we will no longer have to spend overtime hours worrying about those stupid tomatoes!! We've coddled them since late last April like they were some kind of special offspring, even through days and weeks of unrelenting heat and drought. We've sprayed, fertilized, watered, and weeded those things as if their survival was a matter of life or death.

And I would venture a guess that most tomato devotees have applied some kind of cover to protect those precious vines in an attempt to extend the season. Never mind that it will

likely freeze again next week, and you'll do the cover up thing again.

I say "good riddance." And I will also say that I will be the first to shed a tear when I am forced to buy the hard, tasteless, over-priced stuff they call tomatoes at the supermarket.

Just so you will know, or may have forgotten, the average first frost according to Weather Library records is supposed to occur in Rawlins County about Sept. 29. That's the earliest in Kansas. The magic date in Thomas and Decatur County is Oct. 2. In Cheyenne, Phillips, and Sherman County, expect Oct. 6 to be the last day of the growing season. Well I do believe that is tomorrow, as I'm writing this.

If you will excuse me, I think I'll slip out and cover up a couple of my best looking tomato vines. When these words are read in Goodland, I will be exactly a week late. I think.



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# Developmental services celebrates awards

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas hosted its annual awards luncheon in Hays on Sept. 25. Awards were given throughout the afternoon to staff, persons served and community members. The first awards of the afternoon were given to employees of the organization for their years of service. Those staff recognized and listed by location, were:

Norton - Alan Brown, Donna Jones, Charlotte Tabke

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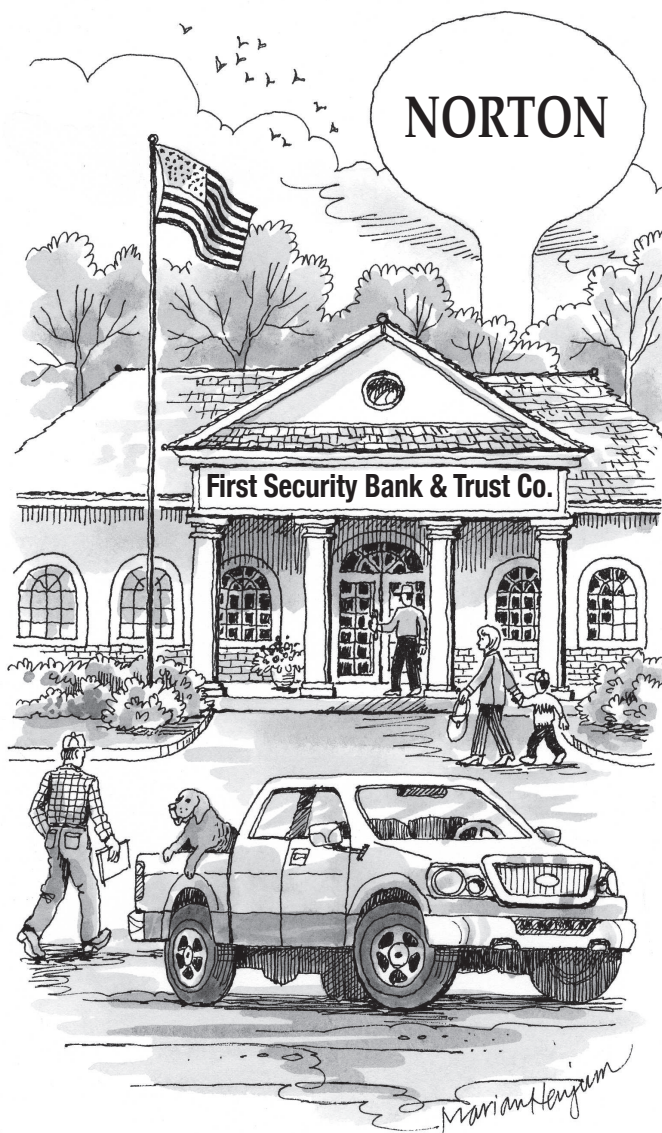
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