

Something for everyone

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For me to write knowledgeably about the growing and proper usage of peppers is a bit comparable to a plumber attempting to convince you that he could safely remove your appendix. The plumber and I might talk a good game, but when it gets down to the nitty-gritty, we both would surely fail. Nevertheless, with pipe wrench in hand, I'm going to steal a couple of minutes of your time to tell my side of the story.

I wish I knew more about the nuances of pepper flavors and textures and precisely describe to you the proper usage of them all. But if I tried to do that, I'd be lying to you, and mama told me never to do that. Therefore, I'll merely jot down a few words about what I've learned about peppers after so many years of growing them, and the ones I enjoy growing and using.

Of one thing, I am sure. Among the hundreds of different varieties of pepper seeds available to plant in your garden, some are sweet, and others are hot, or pungent. And there are some new ones that are sweet-hot. Knowing the difference when you select your seed or transplants is obviously important when harvest time rolls around.

I use a lot of peppers by average gardening standards, because I make a lot of salsa. I plant a couple of varieties of sweet peppers, and this year, I have successfully grown three varieties of the hot ones. Basically, they are the same ones I planted last year. I plant the ones I plant after several years of trying dozens of different ones,

finally settling on the ones that seem to work best in the salsa.

I plant a bell pepper called Flavorburst, a relatively new one that is a beautiful lime green color, maturing to yellow late in the season. They are aptly named and look great in the garden. They also seem to be welcome at the Farmer's Market. I also plant an older variety of a non-bell sweet pepper called Gypsy, a small yellow variety that is so very sweet, and the most productive pepper I know. As far as the hot ones are concerned, I plant a beautiful jalapeño called Mucho Nacho. They are big, with great jalapeño flavor. And then I plant a mild Anaheim whose name has changed 3 times due to patents, and is now called Biggie Chili. They grow to be 7 or 8 inches long and are truly beautiful. They're a must for my salsa.

Brand new this year is the Cajun Bell, a 2011 All America selection, so it must be good. It has true bell pepper flavor, with an added touch of heat. They are a small yellow bell that turns red as it matures. I have 3 healthy plants and they are fully loaded with fruit, but we'll see about the flavor at harvest time. I raise all my own pepper plants so I have the freedom to grow the varieties I want.

Choices can sometimes be difficult. One seed catalog carries 159 different varieties of pepper seeds, available in different sizes and colors, different degrees of sweetness and heat, and different textures and flavors. Knowing the precise use for them all would take a lifetime of testing and tasting. Wouldn't that be fun?

A signature event



To help promote her book "Mimi's Mulberry Tree" and sign copies of the book, local author Randa Vollertsen held a book signing Saturday afternoon at Garden Gate Florals, Etc. Along with Vollertsen (left), on hand were her grandson, Brodie, who is featured in the book, and the book's illustrator, Diane Pratt. About 100 copies of the book were sold at the event.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, is proud to present the "The Curious World of Patent Models", which opened July 8 and will run through Aug. 28. This exhibit, organized by the Rothschild Patent Model Collection and put on display by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, will show approximately 50 models with interpretive labels that will include the history of each individual patent and the inventor. Most of the models in this collection were made by professional model makers and are more than 130 years old.

A patent is a government-issued document that protects an invention or idea for up to 20 years. This gives the inventor the opportunity to produce and sell the invention - or license others to do so - and to make a profit. And while "patent model" may not be a familiar term today, to U.S. inventors between 1790 and the late 1800's, it was commonplace. In order to obtain a patent, an application had to be accompanied

by a working model of the invention. These were called "patent models," and were generally no larger than 12 inches square. The regulation was ceased when the U.S. Patent Office no longer had room to store the models.

The Rothschild Patent Model Collection is currently located in a custom-designed facility in Cazenovia, N. Y. Alan Rothschild - an inventor himself - has constructed an impressive facility to display hundreds of the models, along with a workshop/laboratory where the remaining models are stored, studied and cared for. The Collection contains nearly 4000 Patent Models and related documents.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our 35th Annual Labor Day Celebration which will be held Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Logan Golf Course. Activities during the day will be - remote control fly-in, Ecumenical church service, sand volleyball, inflatable amusements, Dane G. Bales, Jr. Memorial Car Show, Boy Scout activities, horse

rides, kids' pedal pull, RTS Express Train, shuttle to Hansen Museum and live performances by the "Prairie Dusters Mounted Drill Team", "Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations" and "Night Wing". The day will be filled with good food, good family fun and a fabulous fireworks display will be held at dusk. Please make plans to attend!

Our August Artist of the Month is Arthur Heili from Grainfield. Arthur will have woodworking on display and for sale! Come in and check out our new Artist of the Month!

Museum hours are Monday through Friday 9-12 and 1-4; Saturday 9-12 and 1-5; Sunday and Holidays 1-5. We are handicapped accessible, there is never an admission fee and we have a free Wi-Fi Hotspot in the Community Room. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shirley at 785-689-4846 or check out our web at www.hansenmuseum.org.

NORTON MANOR

July 31, Doris Mizell was a guest of the Ray Mizell family for lunch. Stephen and Karlynn Mizell, Hays, were also there.

Visitors of Mary Keith for the month were Mr. and Mrs. Sean Murphy, Eagle River, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Shane Murphy and Emma, Mitchel, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Murphy, Sylvan Grove, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Severns, Fairbanks, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keith, Almena; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greving, Prairie View; Tegan Schmidt, Oakley; Riley Bruce, Windom; and Mrs. Jason Schmidt, Oakley.

Family gathered at the Ray Mizell home Sunday afternoon and evening to visit with Bill and Karen Mizell, Cotter, Ark. Those attending were Carolyn Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb.; Roberta and Dennis McAllister, Clayton; Patty and Jerry Foster, Jennings; Lester Mizell and Doris Mizell, Norton. The next morning Ray, Carolyn, Patty, Doris and Bill and Karen had breakfast together before they left for home.

Carolyn Mizell left this morning after spending a few days and helping her Mother with some of her quilt projects.

Norton Chiropractic Center
WE ARE OPEN

Monday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Wednesday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

• Walk-ins Welcome •

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BBQ & SMOKIN' CHALLENGE
August 26 & 27

Smokin' in the BARN

Elmwood Park Livestock Barn - Norton

Check-in for Contestants is Friday, August 26 from 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday, August 27, the public is invited to watch the cookin' and judge people's choice. \$10.00 general admission and dinner (8 a.m.-8 p.m./dinner 6-8 p.m.); \$15.00 general admission, dinner and band (8 a.m.-midnight/8 p.m.-midnight)

START YOUR SMOKIN' 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY
START YOUR EATIN' 6:00 P.M. SATURDAY
START YOUR DANCIN' 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY

BAND WILL BE COUNTRY HIGHWAY

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court Clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Traffic

April 23-Caspien Whitesell, Norton. No liability insurance. Plea: Failed to appear-license suspended.
May 5-Issac M. Paura, Grand Island, Neb. Driving on suspended license. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$198
July 2-David L. Becker, Beaver City, Neb. Expired Registration. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$75
July 20-Roger A. McLaen, Britton, S.D. Speeding 70 in 55. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$173
July 27-Roger D. Collins, Iola. Speeding 75 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$143
July 29-Francisco M. Garcia, Mosca, Colo. Child restraint violation. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$173
July 30-Galen D. Miller, Strasburg, Colo. Speeding 81 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$179
July 30-Galen D. Miller,

Strasburg, Colo. CMB by minor. Plea: Diversion. Fine: \$300
July 30-Colby Poage, Colby. CMB by minor. Plea: Guilty-license suspended. Fine: \$298
Aug. 1-Wayne A. Baumann, Culbertson, Neb. Motor carrier safety rules and regulations (Log Book). Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$213
Aug. 3-Crista E. Rhoades, Oberlin. Speeding 85 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$203
Aug. 5-Curtis J. Baker, Logan. Failure to wear seatbelt. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$10
Aug. 5-Kevin D. White, Logan. Failure to wear seatbelt. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$10
Aug. 6-Benjamin J. Tallent, Norton. Failure to wear seatbelt. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$10
Aug. 6-Billy L. Tallent, Norton. Failure to wear seatbelt. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$10
Aug. 7-Charles E. Ziemann, Greeley, Colo. Speeding 76 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$149
Aug. 13-Franklin L. Baker, Galesburg, Ill. Speeding 77 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$155
Aug. 13-Randa A. Young, Oshtosh, Neb. Speeding 66 in 55. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$149

Aug. 14-Caleb E. Stokes, Mt. Vernon, Mo. Speeding 81 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$179
Aug. 15-James E. Swigart, Pollock Pines, Calif. Speeding 80 in 65. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$173
Aug. 17-Kale R. Shafer, Beaver City, Neb. Failure to wear seatbelt. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$10

Wildlife and Parks

July 15-James E. Glau, Oberlin. Operating boat in restricted area. Plea: Guilty. Fine: \$98

Municipal Court

July 8-Rachelle Davis, Norton. Disorderly conduct. Plea: No contest. Fine: \$276
July 22-Jordan Wahlmeier, Norton. Failure to yield right of way. Plea: No contest. Fine: \$176
Aug. 5-Philip Aitken, Vuma, Ariz. Speeding 38 in 30. Plea: No contest. Fine: \$106
Aug. 5-Philip Aitken, Vuma, Ariz. No insurance. Plea: Dismissed
Aug. 9-Donald Peterson, Norton. Dog at large. Plea: No contest. Fine: waived

Norton County Health Promotion Blood Screening

At the Norton County Health Department



Provided by a joint effort of the Norton County Health Department and the Norton County Hospital

Need to be fasting (no food or drink after midnight) before testing

Health Profile and CBC #1 - \$40.00

Screens electrolytes, kidney function, alkaline phosphate, glucose, cholesterol (HDL, LDL, VLDL and triglycerides) and CBC

PSA - #2 - \$20.00

Evaluates prostate condition

TSH - #3 - \$15.00

Evaluates thyroid levels and function

HbA1C - #4 - \$35.00

Measure average blood sugar levels - (diabetics only)

LOCATION: Norton County Health Department

801 N. Norton, Norton, Kansas

Questions? Call the Norton County Health Department at 785-877-5745

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY

ACCEPT CASH AND CHECK ONLY! INSURANCE BILLING NOT AVAILABLE!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Northern Valley Schools:

Thursday, Aug. 25: KAY back to school BBQ for all high school students and staff at 6:30 p.m. in front of the cafeteria.

Friday, Aug. 26: High school volleyball vs. Plainville, Lakeside and Norton at Almena, 2 p.m.