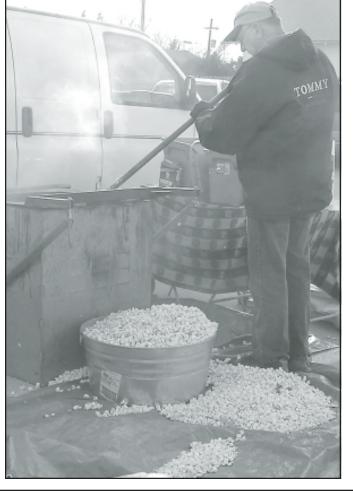
An artful world...



Young shoppers (above) looked over the selection of educational toys available at Trader Horn's booth in the Senior Citizen Center. Owner, Marilyn Horn, answered their questions. Kristi Kelley (below), co-owner of the Mystic Moonstone, explained to her customers the virtues of her custom-blended milk bath. Tubs of kettle corn (right) satisfied shoppers at the Norton County Arts and Crafts Fair. Russell's Kettle Korn of Salina was fresh-popped right outside the 4-H Building.

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Ballots due in by Dec. 4

Farmers and rural landowners in Norton County have until Dec. 4 to vote in local elections for the may be challenged by nominees Farm Service Agency's county committee members.

members is an exercise in democracy," said Vesta Hobbs, executive director for the Norton County Farm Service Agency. "The locally elected committee has primary responsibility for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers. The members bring local expertise and knowledge to USDA's (U.S. Department of Agriculture) daily delivery of programs and services."

mittee member's term will expire on Dec. 31.

Ms. Hobbs said ballots must be filled out, signed and returned to the county office by Monday, Dec. 4 to be counted.

"It's important that producers sign their ballots," she said. "Without a valid signature, the ballot doesn't count."

Ballots will be counted publicly on Thursday, Dec. 7. Elections within 15 days after the results of an election are posted. Newly 'Electing county committee elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1.

Eligible voters who have not received ballots can get them from their agency office. Eligible voters must participate or cooperate in agency programs.

The county committees make decisions on commodity pricesupport loans; payment eligibility; establishment of allotments and yields; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities; Ballots were mailed last week to and other farm disaster assistance. all eligible voters in the west one- The local county committee systhird of the county, where a com- tem gives local farmers and ranchers a much-needed say in how farm programs are administered at the grass-roots level.

> For more information about the county office committee and the election process, interested people should contact the Norton County Farm Service Agency office by calling 785-877-5156 or by stopping by 10640 Pineview Dr. in Norton.

Woman elected association president

is District Court Clerk for Rice County. She was recently installed as president of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators during its fall conference in Great Bend. The association is the professional organization for the state's clerks of court and court administrators.

Part of her duties as president will include presiding over next year's nity High School, she and her husband, conference, appointing commit- Jay Hrabik have three children, Shelley, tees, serving on the Clerk's Advi- Adam and Aaron. They live in Lyons.

Jane Hrabik, daughter of Beth sory Council, serving on the legis-Tier, Norton, and the late Joe Tier, lative committee which works to develop and change laws that affect the working of court offices, and testifying before legislative committees on issues that affect the offices of the Clerks of the Court.

Mrs. Hrabik has worked in the court system since 1976, and was appointed as Clerk of the District Court in Rice County in 1986.

A 1970 graduate of Norton Commu-

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of proposed acquisition of bank assets and liabilities

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF BANK ASSETS **AND ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITIES**

Notice is hereby given that First State Bank of Norton, Kansas, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for its written consent to acquire the fixed assets and deposit liabilities of the Plainville, Kansas branch of TierOne Bank. Lincoln, Nebraska. The acquisition will confidential portion of the application file be part of a series of transactions will be made available upon request. whereby Stockton National Bank, Stockton, Kansas will acquire the assets and liabilities of the Plainville Branch from TierOne Bank and subsequently

sell the fixed assets and deposit liabilities to the First State Bank, Norton, Kansas.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 2345 Grand Boulevard Suite 1200, Kansas City, Missouri 64108 not later than November 19, 2006. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-First State Bank Norton, Kansas Stockton National Bank Stockton, Kansas

Using a shopping list can save big bucks at the store

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Are you looking for an easy way to save \$1,000 or more a year? Use a shopping list! Why? The average shopper spends 40 percent more on impulse purchases when shopping without a list. If you spend \$50 each week at the grocery store, there's a good chance that \$20 of those purchases are unplanned. That adds up! You're also likely to spend 50 cents more for every minute you are at the grocery store beyond the first 30 minutes. In this case, time is money. Save your time and your money by using a shopping list.

How Can You Get a "Master" Shopping List?

It's easy.

• The easiest way is to use the major food groups (grains, vegetables, fruits, milk and dairy products, and meat and beans) as the headings on your master shopping list.

• A better way is to go to your favorite grocery store with a blank piece of paper. Go up and down the aisles that you shop and record general headings that describe your food purchases, using the informational signs located in each aisle as a guideline. Sample headings you might include are: fresh fruits and vegetables, baking items, rice and pasta, canned and boxed foods, beverages, household supplies, bakery products, and refrigerated and frozen foods.

• Write any food items that you purchase every week (for example, bread and milk) under the proper heading on your master list. Photocopy the master list, or print it from a computer, for use as a weekly shopping list.

• Keep your weekly shopping list in a central location. Ask family members to add to it as needed, to avoid running out of items and return trips to the store.

Plan on Sales

• Check out the weekly grocery ads to see what items are on sale



especially the meat and produce sales. Base your weekly menu around these special deals. For example, if the grocery store is selling tuna at a lower than usual price, you might decide to serve food and food purchasing, contact

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tuna casserole and tuna salad sand- your local K-State Research and wiches that week

• Check your kitchen to make sure you have the rest of the ingredients you need to complete the recipe, and add any necessary items to your list.

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• Plan to shop during the least busy times. Weekdays or early morning tend to be less crowded, which lets you get in and out of the store quickly.

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