

FYI

Duplicate Bridge, 3 tables: 1st, Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz; 2nd, Ivy Rolland and Mary Lou Archibald.

A Furharvester Education Course will be offered Saturday at the Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, starting at 8 a.m. and running through 5 p.m. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1966 must complete this course to trap or shoot furbearing animals. A certificate of competency will be issued to students passing the course and is needed to purchase a furharvester license. Hands-on demonstration of setting traps and skinning animals will be part of the day's event. Lunch will be provided and Pre-Registration is encouraged by calling the Refuge Headquarters at 543-6673, or Larry Stones 543-5820.

Smoky Hills Public Television today said it will host an informational meeting in Phillipsburg on Tuesday, Oct. 7, in conjunction with its Come Along Travel Club trip to Alaska in July of 2009. The meeting will be at 5 p.m. at the Phillipsburg City Library, 888 4th Street. The meeting will include a special presentation on the 12-day rail and cruise adventure which will feature exploration of Fairbanks, Denali National Park, College Fjord, Glacier Bay, the Inside Passage, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, according to Jayne Heller, Smoky Hills Public Television's director of development. The meeting also will include information on special discounts and bonuses, plus the Smoky Hills Come Along Travel Club's December 2008 trip to Denver, featuring a Celtic Thunder concert at Wells Fargo Theatre.

It's a boy!



Brett and Amy Adams of Shawnee have a new addition in their home. Caiden Lane Adams, the couple's first child, was born Sept. 17, 2008 at 9:04 p.m. at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Gary and Vera Adams of Lenexa and Roy and Jean Skrdlant of Norton. Vivian Skrdlant of Norton is Caiden's great-grandmother.

A man meets his idol



Jeff "Goof" Urban, (left) an avid Hot Wheels collector, asked a noted Hot Wheels designer, Larry Woods (right) to autograph an old Norton County license plate in Speed, Kans. — Photo courtesy of Kirby Ross

Have you registered to vote yet?
Time is running out!

Tips for longer-lasting pumpkins

Nowadays, pumpkin displays go up at stores, stands and markets after Labor Day. So, shoppers have to decide whether buying Halloween pumpkins several weeks early is okay to do or rather foolish.

The pumpkins that last longest are:

- **Fully mature.** You can test for this by trying to pierce the rind with your thumbnail. If that's easy, the pumpkin is too young to harvest. If one like this is on the market, pass it up. If the rind is hard, the pumpkin is ripe and ready to buy or pick. Then try picking the pumpkin up (but not by its stem). Fully ripe pumpkins almost seem too heavy for their size
- **Soft spot- and blemish-free.**

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Bumps and hard "pimples," on the other hand, have no impact on how quickly pumpkins lose quality. As with pumpkin shape and rind color, they're just how some varieties grow.

- **Stemmed.** Outdoor pumpkins, in particular, need a stem to avoid having a water-collecting, spoilage-promoting depression on top. So, don't chance break-

ing that stem off by carrying a pumpkin around by its "handle." Stem color is no longer a clue to maturity — almost all stems now are green. But, a "ripe" stem will be too dry to leak sap.

- **Dry and cool — indoors or out.** Harvested pumpkins don't like to be wet. That's why gardeners in the early 1900s stored their harvest in the attic, rather than the damp basement. You have to remember, though, that cool doesn't mean cold. Pumpkins start to degrade at temperatures below 50 degrees. They can become garbage overnight if they freeze.

- **Whole.** Carved jack-o-lanterns rarely last more than a week. To extend a jack-o-lantern's life, paint the face.

For several years now it seems that stories about opossums have been accumulating in my memory banks. It may be a strange collection to share in view of the usual subjects addressed here but for some reason I feel compelled to tell possum tales today. Possums look a lot like a heap of stuff washed down a storm drain with a nekkid tail, pointed nose and bloodshot eyes. I'm not sure why Noah even let them on the ark.

One of my first experiences with such a critter came the day after I attempted to bake my first angel food cake early in my marriage. It was a bit of a splurge but I had a good coupon for a French Vanilla angel food cake mix which I redeemed on double coupon day. Have you ever noticed that line in the instructions that says "Do not over beat?" On this particular day, I learned why that line is there. I wanted a nice, fluffy cake, so I beat the batter very well. Oh, it looked beautiful when it was turned out on a cake plate. Creamy golden, lovely aroma, tall and glorious.

The problem came when we tried to serve it. Ever try to slice a tractor tire with a plastic knife? Even an electric knife couldn't make a dent in that totally tough concoction. It ended up in the burning barrel out back. Next day, when I took trash to the barrel I discovered there was one who appreciated my culinary efforts. A big ol' possum had dragged my concrete cake out onto the ground and was voraciously devouring it. He gave me an "I'm not sharing" snarl and I hot footed it back to the safety of the porch, trash and all!

My love of flowers led me into another possum predicament. We had just moved to a house in Norton that sat kitty-corner from an abandoned house site. It was spring and clusters of iris were blooming in the weedy yard with no one to love them. So while the twins napped one day, I took shears

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wearing out the carpet and he'd go check at school. When he opened the front door we were surprised to see David standing way out on the curbing. "Get in here," his dad called, "your supper's getting cold."

"I can't," came the distressed reply, "there's some kind of animal by the garage that keeps coming at me. It's growling and its eyes are glowing red. LeRoy stepped around the porch corner and discovered a large, angry possum patrolling the drive, lashing an ugly scaly tail and bristling head to toe with hostility. LeRoy, as always, knew what to do. He fetched a flashlight and directed its beam into those nasty little eyes and just led our unwelcome visitor into darkness where it scuttled right off into the shadows, much to our relief and probably his, too.

You know, environmentalists tell us that possums are not a dangerous animal unless provoked. They are more frightened of us than we are of them, or so the experts say. Maybe our Creator made them so unattractive to encourage us to leave them alone. And for my part, I am more than willing to do so!

Landfill now accepting electronics for recycling

By BRANDY LEROUX
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The Norton County Landfill will begin accepting electronic waste for recycling starting Oct. 1, 2008. Residents of the county can bring in their electronics — such as personal computers, televisions, telephones, digital video discs, microwaves, video cassette recorders — to the landfill free of charge.

This does not apply to businesses, however. Businesses

will be charged \$.25 per pound to handle the waste.

Individuals and businesses must bring their electronic waste to the landfill. Neither the city trucks nor Roger's Disposal will collect the waste.

Electronic waste that is collected will be loaded in a trailer and taken to Osborne, then taken to a downstream vendor for recycling.

Norton is part of the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition, which

also includes Osborne, Rooks, Trego, Phillips, Ellis, Lincoln, Cloud and Republic counties. The program is sponsored by a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Bureau of Waste Management.

Norton County is part of a pilot program to collect and recycle electronic waste. If the program does well, then other counties will also start collecting and recycling electronic waste.

School district gets volunteers for review committee

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The Norton School district has gathered volunteers to serve on its Facility Review Committee.

The committee will be advising the board of education, and in order to keep the committee as independent as possible, no members of the school board are on the committee, nor is the superintendent.

"The board of education wants this committee to come to its own conclusions as the result of independent consideration, thought and study of the facts," said Superintendent Greg Mann.

The committee must consider if the recommendations that have been made for the school facili-

ties and buildings as the result of two recent facility reviews are legitimate concerns and needs. They may also add to the recommendations if they see the need.

When the committee is done with their work and comfortable with their recommendation, they will recommend to the board of education whether a bond issue is necessary or not. Superintendent Mann said he hopes to have the reports by the end of the school year or early summer.

Travis Chisholm is from the Eisenhower Elementary School Site Council, April Karnopp from the Norton Junior High Site Council, and Charlotte Stephenson is from the Norton Community High School Site Council.

Norton woman to go to convention

Beverly Kindler, president of the sixth district General Federation of Women's Clubs, will preside over the convention in Hill City on Saturday. Members of the Helios Club are hosting this event at the United Methodist Church.

The schedule for the day includes learning through presentations by officers of the club and highlight reports by club presidents as well as updates by district department chairmen.

Helen Carter, the club's Kansas president, will be the keynote speaker. Nadine Sigle, Family and Consumer Science Agent, Post Rock District, will present "GO GREEN" to help club women with ways to do a better job of conserving natural resources.

There will be recognition through the Rosemary Hour; presentation of certificates for outstanding programs/projects and fellowship at the Celebration Luncheon.

Club members in the sixth district belong to clubs in Brewster, Delphos, Ellsworth, Goodland, Hill City, Norton, Ogallah, Randall, Salina, WaKeeney and Wilson.

Other members from General Federation of Women's Club Mid Century, Norton, who are attending and assisting with the convention are Lynn Nelson, coffee hour and voting delegate; Bertie Leigh Compaan, group singing; Eunice Neiltopp, arts and crafts exhibit; Rosalie McMullen, fund raising; and Geraldine Packer, devotions and voting delegate.

28th Annual
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Parade Saturday at 4 p.m. • Sunday at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 EVENTS:
Road Rally - Trophies to be awarded. Open to all exhibitors. Stock Garden Tractor Pull on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. - \$2.00 Hook Fee. Antique Machinery Demonstrations starting at 11:00 a.m. Hog Roast at 6:00 p.m. - \$6.00 per person. Free to Exhibitors and Vendors

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 EVENTS:
Church Service at 8:00 a.m.; Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, 2:00 p.m.; Antique Machinery and Demonstrations start at 11:00 a.m. Raffle Drawing following the Parade

FREE ADMISSION — Camping Hook Ups Available Annual Raffle - John Deere Pedal Tractor or Queen Size Quilt Tickets Available through any Club Member or at the Show Breakfast & Lunch Served on the Grounds Beginning at 7 p.m. Vendors: Call Charissa at 785-896-2382 for Information

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:
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For More Information on any of the Show Events Please Call: 785-475-3300, 785-953-0812; 785-626-3315
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Oct. 3-Swing Vote (PG-13)

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