

# OBITUARIES

## Kevin Kelley

Sept. 27, 1956 - June 8, 2007

Kevin Kelley, 50, Topeka, nephew of Carolyn (Kelley) and Jim Plotts, Norcat, died Friday at his home.

Born Sept. 27, 1956, in Aurora, Colo., he was the son of Richard O. and Donna L. (Bryan) Kelley.



Kevin Kelley

He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1974 and from Cloud County Community College in 1976 with an Associate of Arts Degree. In 1982 he graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Science Engineering.

On Feb. 12, 1978, he married Debora D. Smith in Concordia.

He was Chief Executive Officer of Kelley Construction Company, Inc. since March of 1992. During his tenure as CEO, Kelley Construction received numerous awards, including the American Public Works Association's National Project of the Year for Historical Restoration for the Great Overland Station Renovation Phases II and III in Topeka. He also was awarded the International Illumination Design Award for Excellence for the FLEX Systems Conditioned Storage project in Topeka. Other projects include the Kansas State High School Activities Association Building, Lee Arena Athletic Center and Booster Club Room, Washburn Rural High School addition and Kansas Super Chief Credit Union.

He was involved in several professional and community activities. Some of them include: current president of Associated General Contractors of Kansas; member of Sigma Lambda Chi, KSU Construction Science Honorary; KSU Construction Science Scholarship Advisory Committee; Kaw Area Technical

School Business Advisory Council; and Associated General Contractors Education and Training Committee. He was part of Leadership Greater Topeka Class of 1998 and the North Topeka Business Alliance. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House.

He was involved with his church where he served on the local board of administration. He combined his love of the mountains by organizing numerous father and son backpacking adventures in the Rockies.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Claude and Dorothy Kelley and Gilbert and Opal Bryan and his father-in-law, Dennis Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, of the home; two sons, Nathan and Jamie Kelley, Topeka and Seth Kelley, of the home; his parents Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin; two brothers, Kirk B. Kelley, Ph.D., Davenport, Iowa and Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Frederick, Colo.; his step-grandmother, Eva Bryan, Oberlin; mother-in-law, Jean Smith, Topeka; and two grandchildren.

Mr. Kelley will lie in state after 12 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, Topeka. After 5 p.m. he will lie in state at Fairlawn Heights Wesleyan Church 5400 S.W. Huntoon, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Fairlawn Heights Wesleyan Church. Interment will follow at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 825 SW Buchanan, Topeka, Kan. 66606 or Heart of America Hospice, 3715 SW 29, Topeka, Kan. 66614.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit [www.PenwellGabel.com](http://www.PenwellGabel.com).

## Stutheit top seed grower

Marvin Stutheit of Norton is the latest recipient of the Kansas Crop Improvement Association's most prestigious award. KCIA Executive Director Daryl Strouts presented Mr. Stutheit with the 2006 Premier Seed Grower award at the organization's annual meeting luncheon.

In his remarks, Mr. Stutheit said he was pleased to be selected as a Premier Seed Grower and said he had several fond memories of producing and selling seed over the years. He began his career as a certified seed producer in



Marvin Stutheit

1974. The Premier Seed Grower award is presented each year to a KCIA member who has distinguished himself by exhibiting a strong commitment to the seed industry and its customers. Each year, a list of nominees is put together by KCIA staff and distributed to past honorees, who cast ballots to determine the winner.

Mr. Stutheit and his wife, Pheobie, attended the awards luncheon

## HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON

The June Joy of Painting Workshop was held Saturday and Sunday. We were pleased to have a total of 34 students for the two days. Students were Dorothy Mindrup, DeeAnn Ward, Katie Becker, Ken Tidball, Orvina Tidball, Anne Reif, Billie Hinchley, Leo Tuxhorn, Michael Lemon, Karol Roadhouse, Audrey Nelson, Laurena Babcock, Nancy Jackson, Alice Mizer, Valerie Babcock, Marj McNulty and Heather, Joe Harris, Becky Carter, Carol Tallent, Les Nelson and Carol Bales.

Water aerobics class starts today. There is still room in the class if anyone is interested in attending. It will run Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 12 through Aug. 2. The class is from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, Logan, continues to show the exhibit "Married to Adventure", photographs from the travels of Martin and Osa Johnson. "Married to Adventure," recounts the world travels of Martin and Osa Johnson as illustrated by their photographs and writings.

Endowed with genuine talent in handling a camera and the will to absorb the hardships of filming in the field, Martin and Osa shot over a million feet of film and thousands of still images that still stun cinematic aficionados today. Distributing their films through Hollywood channels brought the Johnsons great celebrity in their own time, but even then Martin and Osa were looking to the long-term significance of their life's works. As the images appeared in the developing pan of his sweltering field darkroom, Martin was acutely aware these photos might well be the only lasting record of an Africa he and Osa were literally watching disappear through their lens.

The June Artist of the Month is Raymond Juhl from Miller, Neb. Mr. Juhl has wood furniture on display.

Please check out our website. The address is [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org). If you have any questions please e-mail us at [hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net](mailto:hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net).

# Once a necessity — now a collectible

"Button, button, who's got the button?" If you're old enough to remember that childhood game, you're probably old enough to remember when the collecting of buttons was not just a pleasurable hobby but an economic necessity.

Button clubs have become very popular all over the country in the past few years. Members may specialize in buttons of a certain era, material, color or design but most just love all buttons. As a consequence, auction prices on jars of old buttons have gone from a buck to lots of bucks. Competition for military insignia buttons is fierce, as well as those made of Bakelite, crystal, wood and woven leather. In many clubs trading is a major benefit of the association. Common element groups are carefully attached to fabric covered cards and given as birthday treats to each other, identified, dated and all polished up. A group of itty bitty buttons once used on baby dresses makes a darling display. What a neat way to preserve a fascinating little piece of history that could so easily become lost. Clubs also study button history and will often do programs and presentations.

The collections I remember best, however, were in faded candy tins or screw-top peanut butter jars and incorporated all sorts of odds and ends. In the 1930s, when money was very thin on the ground, no garment was ever discarded with fasteners of any kind intact. Buttons, zippers, snaps, hooks 'n eyes, belt buckles — were all saved for another sewing project. Few dimes were available for buying new buttons.

Clever craftspeople have also forced up the price of buttons. Jewelry made from creative clusters of buttons glued into fancy brooches or hung on French hooks for earrings have become popular. Buttons are stitched onto fabric belts, purses and scarves. Recently I saw a Carlyle resident wearing a plain t-shirt adorned with a butterfly completely constructed with sewn-on buttons. Cute, very durable and washable. Buttons are also being featured on quilts and pillows today, a new twist on an old art.

A button box had a value-added feature as a rainy day toy. Almost

## Collector Chat



Liza Deines every child of my era will recall the delight of being allowed to go through the button box on a dreary day. Our round oak dining room table had distinct wood grain which allowed me to create a perfect plantation, complete with cotton fields (small white shirt buttons), animals (khaki buttons), servants (little black buttons). There was a Big House, a gate house, servant quarters where my button people lived plus barns and sheds for animals. Of course, the big pink button with rhinestones was a southern belle at a ball, a big black coat button was the father, a flat grey abalone button was the mother and all the pretty buttons were sisters and friends. A group of black and white buttons from Mama's old winter coat were perfect Holstein cows in the dairy barn or they could be men in tuxedos to dance at the ball. All metal buttons were Army men and naturally there had to be two different sets for a battle, the gold against the silver. I could go on and on but I am sure it is obvious that I spent many a happy hour lost on Buttonwood Plantation.

Figural buttons were a big hit when I was in grade school. Mama made all my dresses and I recall a set of little yellow duck buttons that were reused several times. My absolute favorite was a sailor suit, white twill trimmed with navy braid and red buttons shaped like little anchors. Oh, the joys of home design!

Don't deprive your children of the joys of imagination by buying all their toys; sit down and spend some time playing with them. Teach them how to play within their own minds using whatever comes to hand. Start your button box today — all it takes is a good old tin and a few worn out garments with buttons.

MY MAMA SAID: Don't lose any of those red buttons, I'm planning a blouse for those.

## BIRTH

### Jace Robert Miller

Joel and Calista Miller, D.V.M., Scott City, are the parents of a son, Jace Robert, born May 17. He weighed 7 pounds 5



Jace Miller

ounces and measured 21.5 inches. He was born at the Scott County Hospital.

Grandparents are Bob and Liz Miller, Scott City, and Coleen Malek, Long Island.

Great-grandparents are Eldon and Irma Lee Gebhard, Long Island.

## READERS

Paul Gosselin, a 2006 graduate of Norton Community High School, recently graduated from the Business Technology Department at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He is the son of Sidney and Jeanice Gosselin. Paul has accepted an administrative assistant position with Sebelius and Griffiths Law Office.



Paul Gosselin

Shana Persinger, a 2002 graduate of Norton Community High School, has joined the staff at Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, Chartered, as a staff accountant in their Great Bend office. Miss Persinger earned a bachelor's degree in business administration majoring in accounting from Fort Hays State University in May. She has completed the 150 credit hours required to sit for the Certified Public Accountant exam. Miss Persinger is the daughter of Marla Persinger, Prairie View and Steve Persinger, Norton.



Shana Persinger

## After-5 Club to feature evening of memories

Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the June dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21 at the Town and Country Kitchen, E. US 36. The cost for the dinner meeting is \$7 per person. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, please contact Joan Knoll 877-3042 by Tuesday, June 19.

"Thanks for the Memories" is the theme for the evening. "Memorable Moments" is the special feature for the evening. Jane Kersenbrock, a Creative Memories consultant, will give some how-to's for organizing

family photo albums. The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as their special speaker for the evening, Myrilla Carson, Fort Collins, Colo. Ms. Carson, educator, community theater performer, and former talk show host, will share how she followed her rocket scientist husband to the deserts of New Mexico in "Priceless Memories".

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the United States and Canada.

Marybelle Rowley, formerly of the Norton and Logan area, has moved to be closer to her family in the Kansas City area. Mail will reach her at Vintage Park at Lenexa No. 206, 8710 Caenen Lake Road, Lenexa, Kan. 66215.

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## Norton FFA member receives state award

Levi Ninemire, a member of the Norton FFA Chapter, was recognized for having one of the best career development programs in the state.

Levi received the State FFA Proficiency award for accomplishments he has made in developing programs that will prepare him for a career in agriculture. He also won his award in the area of environmental sci-

ence and natural resource management. His award was based, in part, on his work for Mindrup Terracing where he is involved with land surveying and equipment operation.

Levi plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit and earn a degree in heavy machine operation.

He is the son of James and Peggy Ninemire, Norton.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

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