

# OBITUARIES

## Roger Wayne Troutner

Oct. 8, 1968 - Oct. 30, 2013

Roger Wayne Troutner, 45, of Emporia died Oct. 30, 2013 at his home.

Roger was born on Oct. 8, 1968 in Goodland, Kansas the son of Dallas Ira and Vivian Irene Pears Troutner. He married Deanna Lynn Shearer on Sept. 14, 1996 in Norton, Kansas. She survives.

Other survivors include his sons Jordan Wayne Troutner and James Ira Troutner, and daughter Lora Kathleen Troutner, all of Emporia. Brother Joe Troutner of Liberal, Lee Troutner of Scott City, Gayle Alexander of Alma, and Dallas Troutner, Jr. of Fairbury, Neb. Sisters Patri-

cia Santillanes of Alamogordo, N.M., Mary Boyce of Lenora, Anna Hatfield of Alma, and Cindy Hammond of Long Island, Kansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Roger was a field supervisor in telecommunications for 19 years working for Valu-Line, Birch, Stutler Technologies, and the Valu-Net. He served in the United States Navy, and was a Gulf War veteran. He was a member of Lowry-Funston Post #1980 Veteran of Foreign Wars. He was also a Cub Scout leader.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013

at the First United Methodist Church, Emporia.

Interment will be at the Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Emporia with military honors by Ball-McColm Post #5 American Legion, and Lowry-Funston Post #1980 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Visitation will be 7:00 to 8 p.m., Monday night at Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, Emporia.

The memorial fund will be designated at a later date. You can leave online condolences at robertsblue.com

## Creating a niche in communications

By Ron Wilson  
Huck Boyd Institute

Let's go to the New Orleans Arena in downtown New Orleans. A professional basketball game is underway between the Los Angeles Lakers and the hometown New Orleans Pelicans. The game is neck-and-neck, and as a timeout is called in the fourth quarter, an animated graphic appears on the video board. Who do you suppose produced this animated graphic? Would you believe, a young man from Kansas?

Ben Fallin is a motion graphics designer for the New Orleans Pelicans of the National Basketball Association. His job is to produce and direct the eye-catching video graphics which appear on the big screens during professional basketball games.

Ben is a native of Louisiana, but his family moved to Iowa and later to Kansas where his parents are on the faculty of Kansas State University. Ben is a sports fan. He played sports while growing up, although he broke his wrist on the first day of eighth grade basketball try-outs which put a crimp in his young playing days.

Ben went on to K-State. He also enjoyed the outdoors. Ben's roommates came from rural Kansas, communities such as Lindsborg, Smith Center, and Hoxie, population 1,207 people. Now, that's rural.

During his undergraduate career, Ben got a professional internship with a digital video production company in Houston. The company was producing videos for the George Bush

Presidential Library, for example. While at the company, Ben saw a friend who was working on video animation. "That looks cool," Ben said. "How do you do that?"

His friend showed him the basics of animated video production and Ben went on from there. He researched the techniques of production and found he enjoyed it. When it was time for another internship, he applied online and got an internship with none other than the Tampa Bay Rays. It was his first direct involvement with professional sports.

Ben came back to K-State and worked on his skills, developing this specialty and getting degrees in business and electronic media.

His career took him to the Under Armour Co. in Baltimore and the L.A. Angels Single A affiliate in California. In August 2013, he accepted a position with the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans, which had previously been the Charlotte Hornets. Ben's job is to be a motion graphics designer.

In practice, this means he designs and creates animations which show on the video boards during the games. These may be short, simple videos or longer features about the team or sponsors.

"When the game stops and graphics are running on the board, I direct the show," Ben said.

What is the key to being a good designer of these electronic productions? "It's training your eye to make sure it's just

right," Ben said. "We want to make sure it's perfect across the board so that the fan experience is the best possible. We want the fans to enjoy their experience and come back for more."

In the larger arenas where professional teams play, there are several video outlets. In other words, in addition to a large HD board, there are standard video boards, on-court displays, and others. This takes a lot of work, because the animation needs to be adjusted to fit the various venues. There is even a type of animation where the image appears to hop from one screen to the next.

This unique talent has made it possible for a young man from Kansas to have direct contact with professional athletes and others. Since the Pelicans share a training table with the New Orleans Saints, Ben gets to see football players like Drew Brees and Darren Sproles. At Tampa Bay, he worked with Evan Longoria. He's also encountered celebrities such as Hulk Hogan, Dierks Bentley, and Vanilla Ice.

It's time to leave the New Orleans Arena, where the L.A. Lakers are in a battle with the New Orleans Pelicans. And when the game action stops, the video animation starts. We commend Ben Fallin for making a difference by developing his skills in this unique niche of electronic communications. He does a very professional job, which means that we might say that this young Kansan has gone pro.

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## Almena Craft Fair



Darcie Brooks is seen here talking to Doyle and Sarah Baird about the wood cutout items they had made and displayed at last weekend's Almena Craft Fair. Several booths and vendors were present and a food stand was available.  
- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Local extension professional recognized

Tranda Watts, Kansas State University Multi-County Extension Specialist - Food, Nutrition, Health and Safety of the Golden Prairie and Twin Creeks Extension Districts (Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan and Trego Counties) in Northwest Kansas, was honored recently at the Joint Council of Extension Professionals 2013 Galaxy Conference. This year's theme was Bridging the Centuries: A New Era for Extension. Watts received the North Central Region Extension Educator of the Year Award at the conference held in Pittsburgh, Pa. recently.

In receiving the award, Watts was recognized because over the course of 40 years her career has been devoted to interacting



with families and their communities to build educational programs including those involving food preparation, food safety, housing options, decision making impacting the aging population, youth and community

development and to a legacy of strength on behalf of families. The National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Educator of the Year award recognizes a professional Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Educator who is conducting outstanding educational programs that demonstrate impact on families.

Watts, who has previously received the Distinguished Service Award and Continued Excellence Award, is also involved in continued professional improvement activities and is active in professional organizations. Watts's commitment to meeting the needs of individuals, families and communities is exemplary.

## Nex-Tech to carry Jayhawks basketball games

Nex-Tech is excited to announce that it has been granted access to the Jayhawk Sports Network. This gives Nex-Tech TV customers access to the following basketball games.

October 29th - 7 PM K U vs. Pittsburg State

November 5th - 7 PM K U vs. Fort Hays State

November 8th - 7 PM K U vs. Louisiana Monroe

November 19th - 7 PM K U vs. Iona

November 22nd - 7 PM KU vs. Towson

December 30th - 7 PM K U vs. Toledo

Nex-Tech TV customers can watch these games in HD on channel 814 or on SD Channel 414.

## CLUB NEWS

By Beverly Kindler

Members and guests of the GFWC Mid-Century Club met at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the October meeting. The program was presented by Amy June, Cain, Soprano, of Garden City. She sang opera arias, a German Lieder and a spiritual. Dr. Sue Ann Stutheit accompanied on the piano.

Guests were Jeanne Urban, president of GFWC of Kansas, Wichita; Diane O'Connor, president of GFWC of Kansas, Sixth District, Ellsworth; Lori Green, Phyllis Lewis, Barbara Poage and Sue Worcester, members of GFWC Helios, Hill City; Rose Ann Miller and Charlotte Kindall. There were thirteen members of GFWC Mid-Century present.

Margaret Thomas, president, conducted the business meeting. Jeanne Urban and Diane

O'Connor each spoke to the group about GFWC programs and projects. Virginia Will presented a GFWC web site report. Judy Davis reported from the GFWC Club Woman Magazine.

Members of Mid-Century presented their boxes of Operation Christmas Child. Teams filled seven shoe boxes with hygiene items, school supplies, clothing items and small toys. These boxes will be added with other boxes from Norton County to go to a regional processing center where they are assembled to be sent for hurting children in various countries around the world. This is an international program of Samaritan's Purse.

Hostesses were Claire Ann Eppinger and Mary Beth Boyd.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Thomas.

## CORRECTION

On page five of the 10-29 issue of the Norton Telegram a headline read "Family history fair event to take place in Norton" This incorrectly stated the location. The event will actually take place in Phillipsburg on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the LDS Chapel at 620 South Seventh Street in Phillipsburg.

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**Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast**  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,  
**NOVEMBER 9 AND 10**  
5:30-9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**All You Can Eat - Free Will Offering**

Menu is Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Homemade Sausage Gravy, Juice, Coffee and Hash Browns

**First United Methodist Church**  
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NORTON COUNTY'S  
24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**Genealogical Society's**  
**Arts & Craft Fair**  
Saturday, November 9  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Eisenhower Grade School**  
Eisenhower Drive-Three (3) Blocks West of the Armory  
(Follow the Signs) - NORTON, KANSAS  
**Crafts in Gym, Cafeteria and Hallways**  
**Lunch Stand by Genealogy Society**  
Not Responsible for Accidents,  
Lost or Stolen Items

The Norton City Office  
will be  
**CLOSED**  
Monday, November 11  
*Monday's Refuse Route  
will be picked up on  
Thursday, November 7  
and Thursday, November 14*  
(in addition to Thursday's Yard Waste Route)

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Nov. 1-  
Nov. 6

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1 Hour, 42 Minutes (PG)  
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