



Kristi Kelley, co-owner of The Mystic Moonstone, arranged a display of newly arrived T-shirts. The Norton store carries several lines of unusual products and Mrs. Kelley's custom-made bath products. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Store offers funky, eclectic mix

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Kristi Kelley and Veronica Monier are friends and business partners. What started as a vendor table at the Logan Arts and Crafts Fair has become a full-fledged business known as The Mystic Moonstone.

Mrs. Kelley and her husband, Travis, are transplants from Lancaster, Pa. Ms. Monier moved here about six years ago from Salina.

The two women became friends and soon the idea to form a partnership developed. Miss Monier is a photographer and writer and Mrs. Kelley had created her own "recipe" for custom-made milk bath and beauty products.

They considered different ventures, even a night-time cafe. They settled on the boutique concept and their business was born. They located a store-front in the Carter Building at 213 S. Kansas, and the two remodeled the office space to fit the funky, eclectic products they had for sale. They obtained an operating loan and opened for business April 2. Their official grand opening and ribbon cutting was held Aug. 10.

The Mystic Moonstone features designer and rock band T-shirts, tapestries, incense and burners, pewter candle holders, fragrance oils, accessories like hats, purses, belts and jewelry and custom-made bath products. Manufacturers lines represented in the store

include Bio-World, Liquid Blue, Auric Blends and Gypsy Rose.

Mrs. Kelley said, "We specialize in unique items. Things you don't usually find in Norton."

The store's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. The store is closed Sunday. You can call (785) 874-4418 or e-mail themysticmoonstone@hotmail.com.

The store will be open extended hours this Thursday during Moonlight Madness. Mrs. Kelley will be there until 9 p.m.

"During Moonlight Madness we are offering a 20 percent discount on every T-shirt in the store," she said.

Prison prepares bikes for Greensburg

Thanks to the joint efforts of the Norton Church of God and the Bicycles for Youngsters program of Norton Correctional Facility, 67 bicycles and tricycles were recently delivered to youth of the Greensburg community.

The loading of the bicycles and tricycles by Kelly Karnopp and George Jones on Aug. 24 was the

end result of lots of hard work and planning.

In late May, former correctional facility employee, Paul Lueschen, contacted the Bikes for Youngsters program at the correctional facility to let them know the residents of Greensburg were in need of "bike and trikes".

After visiting with Pastor Worthington of the Church of God, Joe Annon, supervisor of the

Bikes for Youngsters program, arranged to have a shipment sent to Havaline where the bikes and trikes would be distributed from the Havaline High School Gym.

Officer Annon said inmates working in the Bicycles for Youngsters program were excited at the prospect of brightening the day for so many youngsters from Greensburg. A second shipment is being prepared for delivery.

Legion prepares for annual parade

The Norton American Legion will again sponsor the Annual Veterans Day Parade and carry-in banquet. However, due to the fact that Veterans Day falls on Sunday, Nov. 11, the parade and other activities will be observed on Monday Nov. 12. Parade time will be at 2 p.m. with the open house to follow at the post home. The evening carry-in dinner will begin at 6 pm at the Post Home. The public is invited and encouraged to come. Please bring a covered dish.

All organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade with floats cars, marching units, etc. All area schools, churches, youth, fraternal organizations, clubs and social organizations are asked to participate. All veterans are asked to join the marching veterans. There will cars available for those who can't march.

For more information, check with: Jake Durham, 877-2400 or Richard Wiltfong, 877-2459.

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Hospital looks at moving surgery

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton County Hospital board is looking into the possibility of moving the surgery area.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said Murray Company has been working with the architect and gave a bid of \$496,000 to renovate the physical therapy/cardiac rehabilitation area. The bid the hospital received last May was \$527,000.

They said it would take four months to do the project.

The board discussed the renovation of the surgical area and whether to renovate versus building new. They talked about the possibility of moving the surgical area to the bottom floor and then expanding it out as so much space is needed now for a surgical suite. If they did that, then they could expand the area that houses the Colby Community College nursing school and move the conference room up in that area.

The board decided to have the architect, who now knows the layout of the hospital, see what he can come up with. The board feels that the project should be done right,

rather than quickly.

In other business, the board:

- Received training in EMTALA, a federal law ensuring that patients receive quality care regardless of their financial status. It also ensures that other hospitals cannot refuse a patient transfer because of the patient's financial status.

- Approved the quality improvement plan as written.

- Approved the risk management plan as presented with some name changes.

- Reviewed the annual patient survey summary. Compared to other hospitals in Kansas and the nation, Norton County Hospital scored high and has shown improvement.

- Approved bills.

- Heard that as of August, the hospital had 395 patient days; 68 admissions; 2 births; 26 surgeries; 3,778 out-patient procedures; 1,346 Doctor's Clinic visits; and 701 in-patient procedures. Year-to-date totals, as of the new fiscal year beginning July 1, were 749 patient days; 130 admissions; 6 births; 42 surgeries; 7,454 out-patient procedures; 2,476 Doctor's

Clinic visits; and 1,260 in-patient procedures.

- Bought used laboratory analyzers for \$29,470. The hospital has been leasing the equipment and had budgeted \$150,000 to buy new ones. But, Mr. Miller said, when the lease is up, the hospital will have to pay the leasing company a \$14,000 refurbishment fee. If the hospital bought the equipment, then it wouldn't have to pay that fee. Also, buying it is only a few thousand dollars less than the lease payment. Mr. Miller said the equipment may only last for a year or so, but it was worth it.

- Accepted a bid of \$7,752.68 from Don's Floor Covering to re-carpet part of the Doctor's Clinic.

- Accepted the bad debt accounts and sent them to the collection agency.

- Approved six medical staff applications.

- Heard that the hospital is hiring another mid-level practitioner.

- Approved the employee salary recommendations.

- Held two 15-minute closed sessions to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Reviewed patient surveys.

University establishes animal ID center

MANHATTAN — Scientists at Kansas State University have long been involved in many facets of livestock research, but now they are taking their work a giant step further.

The establishment of the Kansas State University Center for Animal Identification will allow researchers to build on the work K-State has already begun in evaluating identification systems such as radio frequency to trace animal movement, said K-State animal science professor, Dale Blasi. He will work with other K-State faculty and students to carry out the center's work.

"Our mission," Blasi said, "is to discover, develop and evaluate livestock identification technologies that might have economic value to livestock producers in Kansas and the United States."

The issue is particularly critical in Kansas, where the beef industry generated \$6.25 billion in cash receipts

and ranked first in the United States in commercial cattle processed in 2006, according to the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The center will be based in K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, where Blasi is a beef cattle specialist with K-State Research and Extension. Much of the work will be done at the university's Beef Stocker Unit, where there is ready access to large numbers of livestock in typical livestock management situations.

The importance of the need to be able to trace an individual animal's movements has become increasingly apparent during the past five years, he said. The foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in 2001 that rocked Britain's livestock industry marked one of many high profile events that raised consumers' consciousness about tracing animal movements. Since then,

cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in Canada and the United States further reinforced the notion that the United States needed a way to be able to track an animal's movement from the beginning of its life to the end.

"Our objective is to give producers good information on existing technologies, as well as any emerging technologies, to help them better manage their businesses," Blasi said.

K-State collaborators in the new center include Kevin Dhuyvetter and Ted Schroeder in the department of agricultural economics; Jim Higgins in the department of statistics; and Tim Sobering in the electronics design laboratory.

Other collaborators include the Kansas Animal Health Department; the Kansas Department of Commerce; numerous meat packing companies; auction markets; and animal identification technology companies.

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