

Family

Deaths

Mary C. Tongish

Mary C. Tongish, 53, of Goodland, died Sunday, June 12, 2005 at her home in Goodland. Mrs. Tongish was born Nov. 28, 1951 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Hubert and Charlotte (Fitzgerald) Cunningham. She grew up on a farm near Paton, Iowa and graduated from Paton-Churdan Community High School in 1970. She earned a degree in Dec., 1971 from Northwest Institute in Minneapolis, Minn. and then moved to Goodland where she worked as a medical technologist with Goodland Regional Medical Center for 33 years. She was chemistry supervisor and then laboratory manager for three years. On April 12, 1980 she married Doug Tongish in Goodland. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Our Lady's Guild. She was also very active with her transplant group. Mrs. Tongish is survived by her husband Doug Tongish of Goodland; daughter Jamie Marie

Cody of Colby; four brothers, Jack Cunningham of Springfield, Va., Jim Cunningham of Leavenworth, Dave Cunningham and Pat Cunningham of Paton Iowa; three sisters, JoAnn Shriver of Alexandria, La., Kay Taylor of Carroll, Iowa and Marcia Tasler of Churdan, Iowa and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Judy Kay and a nephew.

Mrs. Tongish enjoyed spending time with family, working with her flowers, riding her scooters and was an avid "darter."

Funeral mass was today at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland with Rev. Dana Clark officiating. Burial followed at Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services of Sherman County, Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter or Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Water advisory board seeking new members

The Solomon River Basin Advisory Committee is seeking new members to advise the 24-member Kansas Water Authority on water policy issues, said Hank Ernst, communications coordinator with the Kansas Water Office, Topeka. "If you would like to offer advice on water issues, this is your chance to do so," he said. The committee has openings for an industrial and an at-large mem-

ber. This is an 11-member committee and one of 12 in the state.

The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, July 27, at the Rooks County Health Department, Stockton. Application forms are available on-line at the Kansas Water Office website: www.kwo.org For questions or more information, call 888-526-9283.

Student News

Area students on Kansas Wesleyan honor roll
Four area students were among the 112 students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Kansas

Wesleyan University in Salina for the spring, 2005 semester. Samantha Schnider of Colby and Rhonda Rietcheck, Stephanie Weber and Monica Weiser of Oakley were all named to the list.

Correction

In an "About Town" in the Thursday, June 2 edition of the Colby Free Press, it should have read Bruce Metzler and wife Marsha of Rancho Murieta, Calif. were in Colby for Mother's Day.

Students who have a semester grade point average of 3.25-3.74 are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at the end of each semester during the fall and spring.



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Vacation Bible school held in Winona



Jean Lowe

• Winona Correspondent

Rebekah Peterson directed the Bethesda Lutheran Church VBS with over 20 children attending in Page City. Three different age groups enjoyed lessons, crafts, games and ice cream sundaes on the final evening.

Others assisting were Linda Ayers, Judy Gfeller, Tricia Taylor, Karen Peterson, Jana Gfeller and several parents who stayed with their little ones.

Amy Mercer, Tyrus and Mikayla of Austin, Texas were house guests of Amy's parents, Herb and

Sammie Russell. She will have spent two weeks visiting her parents, Kevin and Andrea Kevin and Andrea Plummer and family and friends when she returns to Austin.

Wow! There were 60 kids, teachers and helpers studying, singing,

doing crafts and playing games at VBS Tuesday at the Winona U.M. Church. The theme is "Kingdom of the Son." Each day they are lead on a prayer safari. Linda Latham is the coordinator.

Her staff consists of veteran teachers Sandra Margheim and Andrea Plummer.

Sandra is teaching fifth and sixth grade and Andrea has 12 "rambunctious" third and fourth graders. Her sister, Amy Mercer, is assisting her. Christi Schertz's ability with the little ones keeps her returning each year. Amy Lorenzen is teaching a large class of first and second graders.

Lakyn Mackley, Tori Mackley, Kara Gfeller and Heather Martin are in charge of games outside. Craft classes are being supervised by Pat Koster and Ruth Smith. Their helpers are Amberly Gfeller and Misato Tajuji.

The kitchen was the next place I stopped to gather first-hand information and I was tempted to stay for lunch.

Marilyn Ochs and Belinda Cranston were preparing snacks. Clay Rogge was the assistant chef. He said, "I'm helping here today but

I go wherever they need me." Other aides helping where they are needed are Rachael Smith, Debbie Stramel and Lane Ochs.

The music room was a fun place where the kids were choreographing actions to one of the peppy praise songs.

Shelly Plummer and Mattie Presson were leading the singing. The week will end with a program Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Glennis Desbien of Tonkawa, Okla. called Evelyn Langdon to tell her of the death of her mother, Muriel Rome. The late Alex and Muriel Rome were long-time residents of Winona.

Muriel has made her home near her daughter, Glennis, since the death of her husband, Alex. Evelyn spoke briefly to their son, Danny Rome, who lives in Topeka.

Fairview Estates busy with visitors, activities

Floriene Whisnant returned last Saturday evening from Topeka where she attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary state convention.

Leona Washburn, Auxiliary #2981 Oakley was installed as Ninth District president. We want to thank Jody Curtin for the delicious strawberries she brought us this week. Also many thanks to Cleo Case for the rhubarb she brought. Fresh food always tastes so great.

Frances Bange of Menlo visited her aunt Freda Thieler Wednesday for over an hour.

Guests of Ralph Gfeller on Friday were his cousins Ernest and Shirley Caswel from California and their daughter Shirley Ward from Oklahoma.

Friday luncheon guests of Floriene Whisnant were Tina Whisnant and Lisa Varney of Goodland.

Saturday evening Dewey, Pam and Matt Augustine, Lance, Dana and Heath Bolyard, Desiree Sharp



Lula Thieler

• Fairview Estates

and Tessa Howard were dinner guests of Floriene Whisnant at Big Ed's in Bird City. The occasion — celebrating Dewey Augustine's birthday.

Emerson Lahman returned home Saturday after spending a few days in the local hospital. His son came and was his guest Saturday evening.

Freda Thieler celebrated her birthday Sunday and her children, Bud and Marlene Murphy from Cheyenne, Wyo. came to visit her.

Pastor Mike Pinkelman from the Community Church in Brewster held the church service here at Fairview Sunday afternoon. His wife, Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Risler and grandson David Risler came over with him. David played a piano solo and the whole service was excellent.

Babies

Ella Renee Pena
Fernando and Becky Pena of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Renee Pena, on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Gus and Elsie

Walters of Oberlin. Ella was welcomed home by brother Ian Henry Pena.

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