

# Family

## Deaths

### Connie D. Miller Cooper

Longtime Goodland resident Connie D. Miller Cooper, 72, died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at her home.

She was born Sept. 20, 1937, at Bird City, the daughter of Clyde Edward and Rose Inez (Talmont) Bolyard. She graduated from high school in Bird City.

On June 12, 1955, she and Marlyn K. Miller were married at Bird City. They made their home in Goodland. She was the owner and administrator of Connie's Home Health.

Preceding her in death were her husband Marlyn Miller, on May 28, 1996; her ex-husband Johnny Cooper; and two sisters Audrey

Bolyard and Genevieve Hardin. Surviving family includes a son, Rodney Miller and a daughter Tamara (Loyd) Fogg, both of Goodland; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (Central Time) Friday, July 30, 2010, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with the Rev. H. A. Lycett officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. (Central) on Thursday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to Feed The Children, in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735-1555.

## New leaders, staff take places in Goodland

New leadership was chosen by the Northwest Kansas Technical College board at a meeting in Goodland on Saturday.

The new chairman is Frank Otter from Norton, with Dick Short of Goodland as vice chair; Bruce Buck of Sharon Springs as secretary; Tony Bremenkamp, Brewster, treasurer; Clair Legere, Penokee, building and grounds chair; Carol Laws, Leoti, curriculum chair; Billi Beckman, Hoxie, faculty chair; Paul Bruggeman, Rexford, public relations chair; and Arlie Archer, McDonald, student welfare chair.

Other board members are Chris Schmidt, Oberlin; Giovanni Caasi, Quinter; Tom Button, Oakley; Myra Douthit, St. Francis; Stewart Stabel, Lakin; Belinda Preston, Brewster; Mark Davis, Scott City; Matt Lampe, Syracuse; Randy Balluch, WaKeeney; Bill Miller Jr., Colby; George Schmidt, Tri-

bune; Alan Suter, Oakley; Sheila Selensky, Grainfield; and Dan Wasson, Selden.

Former Chair Robert Loftin resigned from the board to accept a position as electrical technology instructor at the school. He had served since 1985, and was chairman from 2003 to 2010.

Other new faculty members include Dennis Misurell, business technology, and Audrey Coumerilh, computer graphics aide.

Other new staff members include Diane Stiles, director of grants and admissions; Jed Sneath, assistant to the director of technology; Calli McDaniel, administrative assistant; and Sylvia Guzman, administrative assistant.

"We are extremely excited about our new faculty members and dynamic staff," said President Ed Mills.

For information, go to [www.nwktc.edu](http://www.nwktc.edu) or call (800) 316-4127.

## Watch signs for vegetable harvest time

The time is approaching when gardeners should watch for signs their vegetables are ready to harvest.

"Potatoes are ready to harvest when the vines are about half dead," said Ward Upham, a horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. This usually happens in June to July or September to October, depending on when they were planted.

"Potatoes dug too early have tender skins and are easily bruised," he said. "Delaying digging will allow the soil to heat since it is no longer shaded by foliage. High soil temperatures can lead to sprouting potatoes."

Upham said it is important to allow potatoes to "set" by keeping them in a shady, dry location for about a day. They may be moved to a cool, moist environment like a cellar or basement for longer

storage.

Upham also gave advice on harvesting onions, which are usually ready in mid-July through August.

Onions are ready to harvest when about half of the plants' tops have fallen over, he said.

"This is a sign that the onions are mature and need to be pulled out of the ground, as bulbs may sunburn without the foliage to protect them," he added.

Onions should be moved to a shaded, well-ventilated area right after harvest. The secret to onions keeping well is to allow the tops to dry completely before storage. After the tops are dry, they can be moved to a cool, dry location, he said.

Upham also said to avoid storing onions in plastic bags since the lack of air circulation will shorten storage life. He recommended using an open mesh bag instead.

# Buy a book, meet candidates

Come one, come all to the library and buy a bag of books, audio or movies for a \$1 a bag.

We need to sell these books to make space in our storeroom. Just think of the savings you can make by purchasing a large number of books for yourself, your kids and even friends! The sale will continue until 3:45 p.m. Sunday.

In preparation for next week's elections, the Colby Free Press and the Pioneer Memorial Library have set up an opportunity for you to meet and greet the candidates for the Kansas House of Representatives in District 121 at 5 p.m. today.

Both Republicans, Jim Morrison and Brenda McCants have been invited to this event. Please come and bring your questions for both candidates and pick up literature that explains their positions. If you cannot attend, you can get information from their websites: [www.votebrendaforhouse.com/default.html](http://www.votebrendaforhouse.com/default.html) or [www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-house/searchHouse.do?rep=4358](http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-house/searchHouse.do?rep=4358).

In honor of our elections, I want to talk about a new book that I bought recently. After reading it, I felt it was good enough to donate it to the library. The title is "Silent Cal's Almanack: The Homespun Wit and Wisdom of Vermont's Calvin Coolidge," edited by David Pietrusza.

As I have read this book, I have learned that President Coolidge had quite a dry wit and very crisp way of getting his point across. He was a man of few words, chosen with great care and determination.

The book showed over and over where his thoughts and speeches were taken out of context and twisted against him. One such quote was on his beliefs about business, "After all, the chief



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business of the American people is business. They are profoundly concerned with producing, buying, selling, investing and prospering in the world" (p. 44).

This portion was used against him as being for the rich and against the poor. However, his statement went on to say, "...In all experience, the accumulation of wealth means the multiplication of schools, the encouragement of science, the increase of knowledge, the dissemination of intelligence, the broadening of outlook, the expansion of liberties, the widening of culture" (p. 44).

"It is only those who do not understand our people who believe that our national life is entirely absorbed by material motives. We make no concealment of the fact that we want wealth, but there are many other things we want very much more. We want peace and honor, and the charity which is so strong an element of all civilization. The chief ideal of the American people is idealism. I cannot repeat too often that America is a

nation of idealists.... No newspaper can be a success which fails to appeal to that element of our national life" (p. 45).

I love his discussion of charity in his book "Foundations of the Republic." "The recognition of brotherhood brings in the requirement of charity. But it is only on the basis of individual property that there can be charity. Our very conception of the term means that we deny ourselves of what belongs to us, in order to give it to another. If that which we give is not really our own, but belongs to the person to whom we give it, such an act may rightfully be called justice, but it cannot be called charity" (p. 47).

This man really was about serving the people. He never wanted to run for president and was nominated to be the running mate of Warren Harding, even though he did not attend the national convention.

Coolidge became president when President Harding died of a heart attack. He was vacationing at Plymouth Notch, Vt., at his family's home. Coolidge "was sworn in by the sooty glow of kerosene light at 1 a.m., the oath administered by his 78-year-old notary public father" (p. 18).

Coolidge tells how he heard a tremble in his father's voice when he awoke him. He knew

this voice quality to be associated with "something of the gravest of nature," and then found out about that Harding had died.

During this election, let's look beyond the media spin and commercials, and look into the political stands the candidates have given us. Let's look into their work and lives to date and assess their ability to govern and represent the people with equity.

We are a nation where the government is supposed to represent you, the people. Make sure they hold your values and those that support the betterment of our nation. Otherwise, we may get what we voted for and thus deserve.

Two other books we have, but will review later are: "A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution," by David A. Nichols, and "Sonia Sotomayor: The True American Dream," by Antonia Felix.

Remember, summer hours at the library last until after Labor Day. Opening at 9 a.m., the library closes at 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. We are a free Wi-Fi hot spot, so come and use our resources.

## Masters degrees earned

Several northwest Kansas students at Fort Hays State University graduated with master's or education specialist's degrees this spring.

Graduates with a Master of Science degree were Amy R. Wessel, Dresden, speech-language pathology; Maria D. Benefield, Monument, and Maria D. Benefield, Oakley, adaptive special education; Shawn A. Kuhlman, Oakley,

health and human performance; William L. Burns, Norton, school counseling; Kjell Erik Nordgren, Atwood, education; and Cynthia Diane Aumiller, Hoxie, and Amity S. Ihrig, Goodland, library specialist.

Graduating with a Master of Business Administration degree was Jingjing Zhang, Norton, in business administration and finance.

## Corrections

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## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day  
**Hi-Plains Co-op**

Wheat (bushel)	\$4.73
Corn (bushel)	\$3.17
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.19
Soybeans (bushel)	\$9.20

## Bridge Club

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