

# Funeral home to commemorate 100 years

A special dedication ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs to commemorate the 100 years of continuous service the funeral home has provided to the area.

"We are truly grateful to the people of the Sharon Springs area," said Linda Koons licensed funeral director and owner of Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs and Goodland. "In appreciation a ceremony of honor will dedicate a United States of America flag and Kansas state flag."

She said a special flag pole has been erected at the funeral home, 327 North Gardner (a block east of K-27 behind the grocery store), and the Sharon Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jerome Dechant Post 6844, will lead the ceremony.

Linda Koons provided a short history of the Koons family and how the funeral home was begun in 1911.

Charles E. Koons, came to Sharon Springs from Winona in 1905. He started Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs in 1911. Charles Koons received his education at the Williams Institute of Mortuary Science in Kansas City.

R.W. "Bud" Koons, the son of Charlie and Ora Koons, returned to Sharon Springs after serving in the Marines during World War II and continuing his education at Williams Institute of Mortuary Science.

Bud Koons and his wife Evelyn

(Huffman), a Sharon Springs native, joined Charles Koons in the funeral business.

Bud and Evelyn's son, Larry, returned from service in the U.S. Navy in 1970. He continued his education at Fort Hays State University and at Central State University Department of Funeral Science Education.

Larry earned his licenses as a funeral director and embalmer, and with his wife Linda (Goudy of Macksville), opened Koons Funeral Home in Goodland in 1974. The couple continued to work with Bud and Evelyn in Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs.

Charles E. Koons died Dec. 17, 1955, R.W. "Bud" Koons died July 11, 1994, Larry E. Koons died Aug. 8, 1995, and Evelyn I. Koons died Oct. 31, 1998, leaving Larry's wife Linda Koons as the licensed funeral director and owner of Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs and Goodland.

On May 3, Linda Koons received recognition and a certificate for Koons Funeral Home in Sharon Springs at the Kansas Funeral Directors Association state convention in Wichita "for 100 years of continuous service."

With the help of a fully licensed staff, Linda Koons continues to serve northwest Kansas in the same caring tradition that began in 1911. The staff includes Dane Scherling, Kevin Zimmerman and Vicki Leiker.



Linda Koons



Charles and Ora Koons



Evelyn and Bud Koons



Linda and Larry Koons

## Busy line up planned at Carnegie Arts Center

Photographs and other possible Christmas gifts from local artists are on display at the Goodland Carnegie Arts Center as part of the busy line up for November.

Saturday the Center will have an elementary art class from 10 to 11 a.m. with Hannah Schlosser. There is a minimal cost per student, said Kay Younger, Arts Center director.

Coming up at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, is the Jingle Bell Fun Run, she said. Two winners will be named as the race begins at Eighth and Main Ave. and the finish line is at 17th and Main Ave. The fun run is being held before the Goodland Ambassadors Santa Parade to begin at 17th and Main and travel up to the Goodland Activities Center at Eighth and Main where Santa will greet the children.

First place in the run will receive \$100, and the runner or walker with the most festive and most original costume will win \$50, Younger said. Each entry requires a \$50 sponsorship, and Younger said the entry can be individual or a group, and the sponsorship can come from one or several contributors.

To enter come to the Carnegie Arts Center by Thursday to get your Jingle Bells and Santa Hat to wear during the fun run. Cookies and cider will be offered after the parade at the Arts Center and the Jingle Bell Fun Run winners will be announced.

The fun run is a fundraiser for the Arts Center to try to bridge the gap of the money cut by the state.

Thursday was the first Sack Lunch Thursday that is part of an ongoing effort between the Arts Center, the High Plains Museum and the Goodland Public Library. On the first Thursday of each month one of the three locations will host a sack lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will have a program.

Poet, singer and songwriter Helene Landenberger of St. Francis was the program on Thursday telling stories and reciting poems from her latest book *Bloomin' Prairie* poetry. The book of poems covers a wide variety of subjects and includes some illustrative photos.

Landenberger calls herself "The Wild Rose," and her book includes a poem about finding the wild rose along the creek beds in Cheyenne

County. Several signed copies of the poetry book are available at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Sunday afternoon was the opening of the Local Artists main exhibit that features framed photographs from several local artists that are for sale.

Entertainment at the opening on Sunday was provided by Caleb Fugleberg and Abigail Jolly, who are the singing stars of the high school musical presentation of *The Phantom of the Opera* that opens tonight and has performances on Saturday and Sunday.

Younger said the Arts Center has been decorated for Christmas with several trees and has a good selection of gift items for those who are beginning their holiday shopping.

She said in past years the Arts Center did not decorate until after Thanksgiving, but by then many people had completed their holiday shopping. She said having the Christmas decorations up earlier may help the local artists, and the center will be open for those who are attending the holiday craft shows next Saturday along with the arrival of Santa.



Landenberger



Artist Elewyn Vatcher hangs one of the stained glass ornaments that he made that are on sale at the Carnegie Arts Center. Photos by Tom Betz and Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

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**The Inaugural Pheasant Hunt**

Community "Meet & Greet Dinner" with the Governor and Hunt Celebrities!  
Logan County 4H Building in Oakley, Kansas - Friday November 18th, 2011  
Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 pm - Dinner at 7:00 pm

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**Seafood Buffet**  
Friday & Saturday  
Nov. 11 & 12, 5-9 p.m. MT  
1530 Main, Goodland  
**Welcome Hunters!**

**On the Bricks Cafe**  
is having a seafood buffet for opening weekend of hunting season!  
For \$22.95, enjoy Crawfish, Cajan Crawfish, Alligator, Breaded Clams, Swai, Shrimp, Seafood Fettuccine, Breaded Oysters, Baked or Sweet Potato, Green Beans, salad and dinner roll.  
• We will also serve steaks and a kid's menu.  
• Beer will be served from 5-9 p.m. MT!  
• No sharing of plates & no take-out orders from buffet.