

## birthday

**Dr. Max Pickerill**, long-time chemistry instructor at Colby Community College, will be celebrating his 80th birthday Sunday, June 26, 2005. A birthday party will be held at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time that day in the Robert Burnett Memorial Student Union at the college. Former students, co-workers and community members are encouraged to attend and bring a short “Max Story” to share with Dr. Pickerill. He will begin his 31st year as an instructor at the college when classes begin in August. He has been a teacher for 56 years.

## activities

**Tours of the 1907 Victorian House** at 202 W. 13th are from **1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Monday**. “**Kansas Quilts of Old**” is on display from **9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday** and from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday** at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The **Carnegie Arts Center** is open from **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday** and from **1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday**. Photography, graphics and fine art by Chip Marks, Elkhart, will be on display through Thursday, June 30. The **Goodland Public Library** will have **story time** for 4-year-olds at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** and at **11 a.m. Thursdays**. Story time for 3-year-olds will be at **10 a.m. Thursdays**. **Born to Read** for children birth to age 3, accompanied by an adult, will be at **10 a.m. Fridays**. **Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild** will meet at **7 p.m. the second Thursday** of each month. Call Cora House at 899-6551, Joan Reid at 899-7301 or Carol Tupper at 890-5955.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of Sherman County is seeking mentors and children to mentor. Call 890-3665.

**Goodland Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** will meet from **6-7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month** at the Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets at **7 p.m. the last Tuesday** of each month in the large board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Patients, family and friends meet each month for a speaker and educational program. Call Sarah Linton at 890-6044.

**Emotions Anonymous** meets at **7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at the Goodland Regional Medical Center board room.

**Aerobics Classes - 5:30 and 7:30 a.m.** aerobics classes are offered **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at the Goodland Activities Center. Yoga is offered at **8:30 a.m. Wednesday**. Call 890-7242.

**TOPS Meetings** - Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets at **5:30 p.m. Tuesdays** at North Elementary School. Weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous S.O.S. Group** holds open meetings at **7 p.m. Monday** at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Seventh and

## the calendar

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The Sherman County 4-H Ambassadors are taking **nominations for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair parade grand marshal**. Call the extension office at 899-4880.

**Summer matinees** at the Sherman Theatre will be at **1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays**; admission is by season pass or \$3 at the door. **SpongeBob SquarePants** will be **this week**; Lemony Snicket’s a Series of Unfortunate Events will be June 29; Ella Enchanted will be July 6; Thunderbirds will be July 13; Fat Albert July 20; and Because of Winn-Dixie July 27. There will be no matinee August 3 due to fair week. Robots will be August 10.

Jodi Tubbs of the **Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs** will

be in Goodland from **1-2:15 p.m. Thursday** in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the courthouse to help veterans and dependents with claims. Call the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (785) 462-3572.

**TNT Singles** will meet at **6:30 p.m. Thursday** at Edwards Hall for food, cards and games. Call 899-2733.

The **Northwest Kansas Astronomical Society Deep Sky Eye Observatory** is having “star-bque” parties at the Thompson farm on County Road 67. Bring your own picnic or grill, sleeping bag and tent. Call Ron at 899-2053. Dates planned (weather permitting) are **Friday and Saturday this week**, July 8 and 9, July 22 and 23, Aug. 12 and 13,

Aug. 26 and 27; and September dates to be announced. Donations to the observatory to build a permanent structure would be appreciated. For all ages; no alcohol.

**SHARE sign up** for the June distribution of food will be until **Monday, July 11**, at the Sherman County Health Department, Harvest America, the Regional Prevention Center or the Kanorado Senior Center. Pick up will be **Saturday**, for the June distribution.

### senior center menu

**Wednesday**: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn tomato casserole, bread and four-fruit compote. **Thursday**: Baked spaghetti, spinach cheese salad, green beans, bread sticks and pears. **Friday**: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and cranberry apple salad.

Senter, Burlington. Call Pamela at 719-346-7711 or Dave at 890-2858.

**Goodland Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Monday**, a closed meeting with Al-Anon, **Wednesday**, the book meeting, and **Saturday**, an open meeting, at 1013 Center. For Alcoholics Anonymous, call Rob at 890-3023 or Linda at 399-2353. For Al-Anon, call Cheryl at 890-3023.

The “Freedom Today” group of **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays** at the Elks Lodge. These are open meetings. Call 890-8369.

**Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group** meets from **6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

### area events

A **construction job fair** for the Fort Riley Expansion Project will be held from **3-7 p.m. Central Time today** at the Pioneer Memorial Library, 375 W. Fourth, **Colby**. Call the Colby Workforce Center at 785-462-6862.

The Farm Inc. is having a **10-week training seminar for potential foster parents** beginning **Thursday**. The training will be from **7-10 p.m. Central Time each Thursday** at Polling Chiropractic Center, 709 S. Benton, **St. Francis**. To register, call Julie Cowles at 785-271-6657 or toll free at 800-279-9914.

**Colby Community College’s summer session** begins **Monday, June 27**. Students can earn eight credit hours in just three weeks during the summer. Courses offered include English Composition, Fundamentals of Nursing, Current Political Issues, Developmental Psychology, World Religions and Fundamentals of Oral Communication. To enroll, call the college’s

admissions office at 785-460-4690.

The **Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging** and the Kansas Department on Aging will sponsor **training** for people who would like to become volunteer health insurance counselors. The three-day training will be **Wednesday-Friday, July 6-8**, at the Hadley Center in **Hays**. It will begin at 8:45 a.m. Central Time on the 6th. Call Glenna Clingsmith at 800-432-7422.

Admission to the **Prairie Museum of Art and History** will be free from **1-5 p.m. Central Time Sundays** at 1905 S. Franklin in Colby. The museum is also open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Time Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

### health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m.- noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**Wednesday**: WIC in St. Francis. Scheduled appointments. Family planning clinic 1 p.m. — scheduled appointments. **Thursday**: WIC in Goodland. Scheduled appointments. **Friday**: Scheduled appointments.

Blood pressures; infants’, children’s and adult’s immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar, cholesterol and hemoglobin; family planning; and toenail clipping available by appointment. Sharps containers are available free. Call 899-4888.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

**Water Testing** — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 899-4888.

The group charges a \$50 letter of intent fee (similar to a permit)

which is good for one year. It is required on the installation or modification of all septic systems in the protection group’s area.

The group will continue to offer free testing to private individuals. However, if you are selling, purchasing or refinancing any property that requires an inspection, the group will charge a \$90 inspection fee. The inspection includes site evaluations on well and septic systems and testing the water. The group will also charge a \$25 fee for child care and foster care inspections.

### hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

**Wednesday**: Shirley Hayden, a.m., and Mazie Sutton, courtesy. **Thursday**: Faye Paxton, a.m. **Friday**: Mazie Sutton, courtesy.

### cell phone drive

Save a Life Give a Phone collects used cell phones and refurbishes them to provide 911 access for domestic violence victims locally and nationwide, including all YWCA Domestic Violence Shelters. Phones are also provided to the elderly and others in need of an emergency cell phone. The group has a drop-off point at American Communications, 813 Main. Call Jeannie Topliff at 899-2426 or Candice 866-448-2366.

### recycling

The **Goodland High School library is recycling used cell phones, ink jet printer and LaserJet cartridges**. The school receives from nothing to \$2 for cartridges and nothing to \$5 for cell phones. Drop them by the high school library or office. If you have several and would like them picked up, call the library at 899-5656 to make arrangements. The money goes to support National Honor Society, Scholar’s Bowl, Science Olym-

piad, Electric Car and extra library projects.

### thrift store

Anyone wanting to donate to the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop should call 899-2007 to arrange to meet by the door in the alley and take donations directly from the car to the warehouse.

The store needs zippered bags like those bedding and curtains are sold in, seal-a-meal bags or any bags that can be heat-sealed and jewelry gift boxes.

### alateen

A former Alateen member and an Al-Anon member have formed an Alateen support group that will meet from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays at 1275 W. Sixth in Colby. The group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics and is open to anyone 19 years old or under. Call 785-462-8152 or 462-6101.

### tiny-k

The Early Intervention Networks has a new name, Tiny-k Early Intervention Services. The program promotes development among infants and toddlers with special needs. The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides these services free of charge to children in this area.

Services include speech, developmental, vision and hearing screenings to all children and physical/occupational therapy and developmental training to children who qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 115.

### preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children’s education

Families interested in having their child in the program should call Julie Dautel or Carrie Starns at

899-2552 or go to Sherman County Head Start, 823 W. 11th.

### crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers “Look Line” at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

### family shelter

The Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides services day or night to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children. **Support groups** that will be available beginning March 2 are two **women’s** domestic violence victims/survivors support groups, one from **9-10 a.m. Central Time on Tuesdays** and one from **5:30-6:30 p.m. Central Time on Wednesdays**; a **men’s** domestic violence victims/survivors support group from **noon-1 p.m. Central Time Tuesdays**; and a **youth support group**. All groups will meet in Hays. For information or help, call (800) 794-4624. For time and location of youth support group, ask for Donna Munsch.

### tree donations

Many trees at the Goodland Cemetery have died and the cemetery board is trying to replace them. Contributions for the Goodland Cemetery Memorial Tree Fund can be left at Koons or Bateman funeral homes or sent to the Goodland Cemetery Board, Box 59, Goodland, Kan. 67735. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

### animal shelter

Lost a pet? Call the Goodland Police Department at 899-4570. Interested in adopting a pet? Call the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 899-6464.



## Mary Tongish

Mary C. Tongish, 53, Goodland, a medical technologist, died Sunday, June 12, 2005, at her home.

She was born Nov. 28, 1951, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the daughter of 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 December 1971 from Northwest Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., and then moved to Goodland, where she was a medical technologist at Goodland Regional Medical Center for 33 years. She was chemistry supervisor and then was laboratory manager for three years.

On April 12, 1980, she married Doug Tongish. She was a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, and Our Lady’s Guild. She was active with an organ transplant support group.

Her liked to spend time with her family, and she loved going back to Iowa for family events. Her brothers and sisters called her “Moe.”

Tongish also enjoyed working with her flowers, riding her scooter around town and shooting darts.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Judy Kay; and a nephew.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jamie Marie Cody of Colby; four brothers, Jack (Patti) Cunningham of Springfield, Va., Jim (Lynn) Cunningham of Leavenworth, Dave (Becki) Cunningham and Pat (Ann) Cunningham of Paton; three sisters, JoAnn Shriver of Alexandria, La., Kay Taylor of Carroll, Iowa, and Marcia (Jay) Tasler of Churdan; and two granddaughters.

A funeral Mass was at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at the church with the Rev. Dana D. Clark presiding. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Services of Sherman County, the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter or the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

# Hotel brings awards home from convention

The Goodland Howard Johnson Hotel brought home three awards from the chain’s annual convention in Las Vegas last month.

The hotel was named Renovated Property of the Year. Owner Lincoln Wilson said they spent six months redoing the hotel’s rooms, the pool and game area, the bar and the restaurant.

The hotel also won an award for maintenance and housekeeping.

Wilson said they consistently scored 494 points or higher out of 500 on inspections.

The hotel, he said, is inspected by the chain three times a year, two scheduled and one surprise.

“We did well on all three,” Wilson said.

The hotel’s grand opening last April won a national publicity award.

Wilson said the public turnout

and support from the Goodland Ambassadors, city and county leaders, *The Goodland Star-News*, KLOE, KKCI and KWGB radio stations and the financial community helped nail down that award.

He said his staff worked hard to win the awards.

“I’d certainly like to thank the hotel staff,” he said, “for adopting a high standard of quality and professionalism.”

Wilson said he’s grateful that Goodland has supported the hotel through events such as the recent Slice of Life golf tournament.



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