

Family

Deaths

Manuel S. Rodriguez

Manuel S. Rodriguez, 71, of Colby, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Rodriguez was born May 27, 1934, to Manuel and Delores (Sillos) Rodriguez in Coleman, Texas. He met his wife, Loretta (Irwin) Rodriguez in Hoxie and they were married July 19, 1974, in Lamar, Colo.

They lived in Dresden before moving to Hoxie.

He was a truck driver for Cass Excavating in Hoxie before retirement. After retiring, he moved to Colby to be closer to his daughters and grandchildren. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby.

Mr. Rodriguez is survived by four daughters, Josie Weis of Colby, Lita Allen of Great Bend, Erma Kraft of Colby and Becky Rodriguez of Raytown, Mo.; three stepchildren,

Lewis Sheldon Jennings, Sr.

Lewis Sheldon Jennings, Sr., 85, of Fort Dodge, Kan., died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at the Kansas Soldiers Home in Fort Dodge.

Mr. Jennings was born Aug. 16, 1920, in Colby.

He served in World War II as a medic in the 101st Airborne and went to the Philippines as part of Gen. MacArthur's return during the war.

He married Alma Virginia Carr of LaGrange, Ill. and they moved to Tinley Park, Ill. He worked for Sidney Wanzer and Company as a milkman in Chicago.

April wedding planned

Leroy and Glenda Arndt of Alva, Okla. announce the engagement of their daughter Erica Diane Arndt, Alva, to Justin James Lane, (formerly of Colby) Alva, son of Tim and Ronda Lane, Austin, Texas.

Justin and Erica have a son, Huston James Lane.

Grandparents of the couple are Maynard and Katharina Arndt, Alva, Okla.; Walter and JoAnn Roberts, Woodward, Okla.; Betty and the late Roger Lane, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Mary Jane and the late Ervin Worth, Gering, Neb. Arndt is a 2001 graduate of Alva High School.

She attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University for two years.

She is currently employed at Wal-Mart.

Lane is a 1999 graduate of Colby High School, attended Colby Community College for two years.

He also graduated with a bach-

Yocky Jones of Colorado, Vala Mosier and Raymie Mahanna, both of Hoxie; three brothers, Willie Diaz of Hart, Texas, Benjamin Diaz of Amarillo, Texas and Frank Rodriguez; four sisters, Sophia Hernandez of Hart, Texas, Alice Rodriguez of Tucson, Ariz., Beatrice Hernandez of Tucson, Ariz. and Herminia Gonzales; and 19 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil and Jessie Rodriguez and stepson Richard Jones.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. John L. Schmidt officiating. Inurnment will be in the Hart Cemetery in Hart, Texas.

Memorials are suggested to the Manuel Rodriguez Memorial Fund which will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Jennings is survived by a son, Lewis S. Jennings, Jr. and wife Linda of Sycamore, Ill. and a daughter, Alma Sue Eden and husband Richard of Cocoa, Fla.; a sister, Elaine Smith of Oakley and several children and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are through Burkhardt-Ziegler Chapel of Dodge City.

Private burial will be at Fort Dodge Veterans Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Kansas Soldiers Home in Fort Dodge.



Erica Arndt and Justin Lane elors degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He is currently employed as a real estate agent with Murrow Real Estate and Auction and at Edward E. Sutter and Associates law firm.

Their wedding will be at 6:30 p.m. April 29 at the First Christian Church in Alva.

A reception and dance follow at the Moose Lodge in Alva.

Nuptials set for March

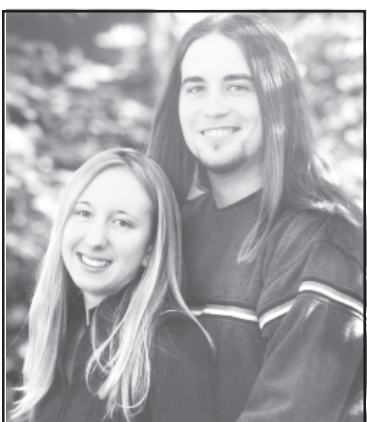
Eugene and Barbara Wieland of Colby announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Michelle Wieland, to Brett Austin Mead, the son of Chris and Sherry Mead of Colby.

Grandparents are Bill and Thelma Wieland and Carroll and Rita Depe, all of Colby. Great-grandmother is Lore Depe, Brewster.

Wieland is a graduate of Colby High School, attends Colby Community College and will complete her business degree through Fort Hays State University.

She is employed by Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby.

Mead is a graduate of Colby High School and Northwest Kansas Technical College. He will graduate from Colby Community College in May and will complete his



Stephanie Wieland and Brett Mead business degree through Fort Hays State University. He works at Murfin Drilling in Colby.

A March 25, 2006, wedding is planned at Colby United Methodist Church.

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'Sweetheart Swirl' held in Winona

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Jean Lowe

• Winona Correspondent

Swirl King and Queen for 2006.

Susanna Smith and Sarah Smith, both of Hays, were home for the weekend to attend the games and Swirl festivities.

LaVonne Baxter was a Sunday luncheon guest of Bill and Pat

Shakespeare Club learns at museum

Shakespeare Club met Friday, Jan. 27 at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

President Joyce Hansen called the meeting to order. Donations were made to the Thomas County Foundation, Genesis of Thomas County and to the Brewster Club's reading project in memory of Dorothy Crumbaker.

The slate of officers approved for the next year are: Ruth Lowenthal,

president; Kathy Calliham, vice-president; Lois VanHorn, secretary; and Phyllis Elliott, treasurer.

Sue Taylor gave a report on the museum.

She reported on programs and activities that will be taking place at the museum this year.

She also told of the need for long-term funding.

The members toured the Playa Lake Exhibit.

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Weeks of Hoxie at the Colonial Steak House. Bill and Pat came on to Winona where they spent the afternoon with LaVonne. The ladies visited while Bill took a drive on Highway 25 to check on his farm ground between Winona and Russell Springs.

The pride of a grandmother became vocal when Marge Ausmus received the news that her third grade grandson, Layton Werth, had received the first place trophy for his soil conservation poster in Thomas County.

After the basketball game Tuesday evening the Gfeller families and Tom and Nancy Schertz met at the home of Kent and Cindy Gfeller. Amberly, Brett and Ryan for cake and ice cream to celebrate Kent's birthday.

Attention WRSPC/WPAA members: The Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts is helping the WPAA bring the Vienna Choir Boys to Colby. If you've heard them before, make good use of your ticket that admits you to a wonderful world of entertainment and attend the concert Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. at the Colby High School auditorium.

Today's single digit temperature is good for neither man nor beast and more of the same is yet to come.

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