

Jesse Rodriguez

Dec. 29, 1924 - Aug. 2, 2004
 Jesse Rodriguez, Goodland, Kan., died Aug. 2, 2004, at St. Anthony Hospital in Denver, Colo. He was born Dec. 29, 1924, at Del Rio, Texas, the son of Annie Rodriguez. He lived with his grandfather in Menard, Texas.

He served his country in the United States Navy, enlisting in 1942.

He had worked as a ranch hand at Golden, Colo., on the Brunel Ranch, and at Wiggins, Colo. He enjoyed roping in rodeos. In Sherman County, he had been a part-time employee for Evelyn Finegan.

The body was cremated. Services are not planned at this time.

Memorials may be designated to the honor's choice in his name.

Koons Funeral Home, Goodland, was in charge of the arrangements.

Suzanne Irene Hodge

Jan. 6, 1947 - Aug. 6, 2004
 Suzanne Irene (Wolters) Hodge was born on Jan. 6, 1947, in McCook, Neb., to Herman "Pete" and Joan Wolters, the first of four daughters. She died peacefully on Aug. 6, 2004, after a long illness at Good Samaritan Hospital near her home in Bolingbrook, Ill.

Suzanne spent her youth in Rawlins County, Kan., graduating from Atwood High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Boise State University, and worked many years as a civil servant for the federal government.

On June 6, 1980, Suzanne married Gardner C. (GC) Hodge, Jr., in Aurora, Colo. Since he was in the Air Force until his retirement in 1994, they were subject to frequent moves. Over the years they resided in Mississippi, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Survivors include her loving husband; sons, Joseph F. Vap II and wife, Melissa J. Wines, of Louisville, Ky., and Robert F. Vap and his wife, Louetta, of Nicholasville, Ky.; grandchildren, Haley Elaine and Hunter Christian Vap of Nicholasville and Ella Suzanne and Elijah Samuel Vap of Louisville; sisters, Sally Wolters of Topeka, Jane Brubaker and husband, Gary, of Bird City, and Jill Wolters and husband, Michael Turner, of Topeka; aunts, Margaret Mishler and husband, Glen, of Wichita, Dorothy Wolters of Oberlin and Jean Pochop of Atwood; uncles, Gus Wolters and wife, Elsie, of Oberlin and Dan Wolkensdorfer and wife, Carolyn, of McLean, Va.; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 13, at Williams Funeral Home in Atwood.

Pallbearers were Gary Brubaker,

Michael Turner, Benjamin Watkins, Luke Schierts, Tim Wolters, Mark Wolters, Doug Wolters and Fernando Pena. The service was conducted by Rev. Doug Mason of the Bird City Immanuel United Methodist Church.

Burial was at Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

Irene A. Day

Dec. 30, 1918 - Aug. 17, 2004
 Irene A. Day of Haigler, Neb., died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 85.

She was born Dec. 30, 1918, at Atwood to Ott and Essie (Martin) Motherhead and spent most of her childhood around the Esban area.

On March 10, 1944, she was united in marriage to Keith M. Day and they were blessed with three children, Elmer, Vannie and Deanna.

Irene and her family moved to the Haigler area in 1954 where Irene worked part-time in the post office.

She was a member of the Haigler United Methodist Church and was actively involved in the United Methodist Women, the Women's Club, and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The greatest loves of her life were her family, her garden, and her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Elmer and Essie Ellis; and her loving husband, Keith M. Day.

Survivors include her daughters, Vannie Dawes and husband, Claude, of Lehigh, Dee Wilson and husband, Ron, of St. Francis; son, Elmer Day and wife, Anna, of Lincoln, Neb.; 13 grandchildren, Janice Herrington and wife, Shelley, Charlotte Hedges and husband, Michael, Karen Anderson and husband, Bill, C.J. Dawes and wife, Jessica, Chad Wolfe, April Wolfe, Genella Howland and husband, Terry, Natasha Wilson, Shannon Wilson, Matt Wilson and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Haigler United Methodist Church with Rev. Tony Christians and Bill Anderson officiating.

Casket bearers were Charmin Herrington, Chad Wolfe, C.J. Dawes, Michael Dawes, Shannon Wilson, Matt Wilson.

Interment was at the Haigler Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in her name.

Arrangements were by Forch Funeral Chapel of Benkelman, Neb.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK of St. Francis and Bird City presented three different organizations with a donation. Above Tom Keller, president, presents a check to the Boy Scouts. Accepting the donation is from the left Matt Whitmore, Dalton Davenport and Foster Grant.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Bank gives to organizations

The First National Banks in Bird City and St. Francis have selected a different way of supporting the youth of the county.

Tom Keller, president of the First National Bank, St. Francis, reported that the bank has always been a strong supporter of organized youth programs.

"The bank recognizes benefits our youth receive from participat-

ing in Girl and Boy Scouts and 4-H," he said. "We have been long-time supporters of the 4-H premium sale at the Cheyenne County Fair.

"In fact, over the last 10 years, the bank has contributed over \$38,000 in premiums to individual 4-H'ers selling projects at the fair."

Mr. Keller said the bank will continue to support the 4-H program in the county by making a monetary

donation to the 4-H Council. The council can use these funds as it deems appropriate.

"In this way, the bank hopes that more 4-H'ers can benefit by the donation," Mr. Keller said.

Donations have also been made to the Girl and Boy Scouts. These monetary donations will be made on an annual basis to all three youth organizations.

Story Hours will begin on Sept. 7

Story Hour at the St. Francis Public Library will begin Sept. 7 and new this year will be two sessions. The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Enrollment started Monday but parents can enroll their children up to the Sept. 7 start date. Pat Leibbrandt, librarian, said parents may also enroll their child if their third birthday comes within the

Story Hour year but they will not be able to attend Story Hour until they are 3 years old.

Librarian Leibbrandt said Story Hour is a free program for children 3 to 5 years old who have not been in kindergarten and she also reminds parents that the child must enroll to attend.

Children will be able to participate in games and fingerplays. There will also be flannel graph and

stories every week.

At the end of Story Hour, children may check out books to take home for reading with the family.

"We encourage all parents with children in this age group to stop by the library and enroll their children," said Librarian Leibbrandt.

Those parents having questions can call the library at 785-332-3292.

Scouting night set for Sept. 2

Beginning on Aug. 26 through the middle of September, hundreds of area youth will join The Boy Scouts of America as Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts. This event is called School Night for Scouting and it is the largest recruiting effort of the Scouting year. This year's event will be in all elementary schools within the 32 county area comprising the Coronado Area Council of Kansas.

The St. Francis School Night is Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School. Youth will be joining Pack 120 under the leadership of Cubmaster Lila Whitmore. Parents or guardians are welcome to bring your boys to get involved in one of the largest youth programs in the world. Every boy that joins Cub Scouts between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30 will be eligible to receive a Cub Scout Fun Kit that includes a pinewood derby car.

Tiger Cubs are for boys in the first grade, Cub Scouting is for boys who are in the second, third, fourth and fifth grades, and Boy Scouts for boys who have completed the sixth grade through 18 years of age. Scouting is a family based, character building organization emphasizing fun through outdoor activities like camping, hiking, swimming and canoeing.

For more information contact The Boy Scouts of America Representative Eric Rathke at (785) 628-6064, Lila Whitmore at 332-2406 or toll free at 1-866-950-7750.



Occasion

Birthday Club

Birthday Club members met at the Parkhill Restaurant on Thursday, Aug. 19, for their monthly luncheon.

Attending were Rosemary Bierig, Lois Leydig, Rosemary Powell, Darlene Merklin, DeEtta Knorr, Betty Jean Winston, Sharon Penton and Deloris Knorr. Lee Busby was a guest.

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