

Family

Death

Raymond Luker

Raymond "Jack" Luker, 70, of Colby, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2005 at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart.

He was born Sept. 24, 1935 in Kiowa, Okla. He was a retired heavy equipment operator.

Mr. Luker is survived by his wife, Berniece E. Luker of Colby; three stepsons, Ron Metzler of Grover Beach, Calif., Dennis Metzler of Slidell, La. and Bruce Metzler of Rancho Murietta, Calif.; two brothers, Bill Luker of Wayne, Okla. and Jim Luker of Imperial, Calif.; seven

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel with Father Dana Clark of Colby officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Memorials are suggested in his name, to be designated a later date. Donations can be sent in care of the funeral home, 745 Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Winona has visitors

'Twas the night before Christmas and Kenneth and Maxine Kirk's house was filled with glee. The entire family gathered for dinner and an evening to be remembered. Terry and Lanis Kirk's family, Steve and Shannon Dewey, and sons of Cimarron, Dana Kirk of Austin and Kris Kirk, Mike and Sheryl Kough, Aaron Kough, Amy Wilson, Stan and Lori Kough, Camry and Riley of Marienthal, Cole and Lindsay Mackley and boys of Sharon Springs, Roger and Connie Kough of Colby, Chase and Ashton Kough of Tulsa and a friend of Ashton's also of Tulsa were all a part of the family celebration.

Helen Gates' Christmas at the manor in Oakley was extra special. Her family, David and Judy Gfeller, Debbie Mather, Kent and Cindy Gfeller, Amberly, Brett and Ryan and Judith Poggi, Dennis and Jana Gfeller, Kara, Kyle and Eric, and Andy and Stacy Hansen, Kirstin and Kourtney took dinner in. A space was reserved for the dinner and a gift exchange around the Christmas tree Friday evening.

The David and Judy Gfeller family Christmas was observed with their traditional Christmas Eve supper and gift exchange for Kent, Dennis and Staci and their families after attending the candlelight service at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Page City.

Bette Haverfield has been taking it easy recuperating from surgery at Hays Medical Center. Recent visitors have been Calvin and Lily Haverfield, the McKinney family and Tom and Cliff Hillery.

Christmas dinner guests of Jason and Molly Lamb, Maddie and Macey were Jackie Wright and Amy Lamb of hays and Ty and Mary Phifer and James of Westmoreland.

Janet Wright spent Christmas weekend in Wichita with Justin Wright and his family.

Beth Lamb hosted a noon Christmas dinner for Norma Straub and Glen Ausmus of Denver, Dorothy and Frank Peitz of Garden City, Amy and Kirsten Lamb of Oberlin, Johnny and Tonya Lamb, Gus and Kelly, Dave Lamb and Jean Lowe.

Caren Lowe was a Friday overnight guest of Jean Lowe enroute to Colorado Springs to spend Christmas with Chris and Dara Lowe and Cameron.

Guests throughout the Christmas holiday at the home of LaVonne Baxter have been Karen Baxter, Jasmine and Linda and John Dinkel of Garden City, Yano and Lael Ransford of Venice, Calif., Amber Dirks, Sidney, Jarred and Greg and Andrew Miller of Vona, Colo. and Billie Baxter.

Christmas Day, evening guests of Steve and Dianne Schertz were Scott and Christi Schertz, Fred and Jess, Rex and Jeana Schertz of Hesston and Paul and Susan Casper of Yuma, Colo.

Christmas dinner guests of Mary and Donnie Wright were Randy and Paulina Huffman and Kendal and Sharon Wright.

Erma Latham's family spent Christmas Eve in her home for a soup and sandwich supper. Those present were Brad and Linda Latham, Ashley Latham, Bryan and Dorothy Latham, Dustin, Tina and Daxton Latham, Travis Latham, Mark and Pam Lewallen, and Darris, Merry and Brooklyn Lewallen.

Brad and Linda Latham hosted a dinner the Sunday before Christmas for Archie and Verla Moser, Candice Latham and Casey McCall, both of Lawrence, and Ashley Latham and Jerad Johnson of Colby. Casey and Candice were weekend visitors of her parents, Brad and Linda Latham, and enjoyed visiting with family and friends.

On Christmas morning Chris and Linda Carter and Evan of Fredericksburg, Va. stopped by

Colby High graduate promoted in highway patrol

Colonel William Seck, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, has announced that Technical Trooper Mark A. Schroeder was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as a Western Region aircraft supervisor for the Patrol's aircraft units in Hays. Schroeder received his promotion Oct. 23, 2005.

Schroeder is a graduate of Colby High School.

Schroeder joined the Patrol March 17, 1996, as a trooper performing road patrol duties in the Holton area. In 1999, he was assigned as a trooper and pilot out of Hays. Schroeder was promoted to trooper 11 on March 19, 2000, and was promoted again in 2001 to sergeant. Schroeder's title changed in June of 2003 when he became a technical trooper, and continued to serve as a pilot out of Hays until his recent promotion to lieutenant.

As a member of the Patrol, Schroeder has served as a pursuit driving instructor at the Patrol's Training Academy, and a troop director for the Kansas State Troopers Association. Schroeder received his instrument pilot rating in November 2000, and his commercial pilot rating in April 2003.

Schroeder was awarded the Commander's Commendation in January 2002 for exemplary service and significant contributions to the mission and goals of the Patrol. As a member of the Hays aircraft crew, he received a Unit Citation Award in March 2003 and again in June 2004 for missions

flown, which contributed significantly to traffic safety and criminal arrest efforts. Schroeder received an award from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 2003 for outstanding service to the state of Kansas in the domestic cannabis eradication and suppression program. He was awarded a second

Commander's Commendation in June 2005 for providing aircraft services to western Kansas law enforcement officers and answering calls for service.

He has an associate's degree in criminal justice and business administration from Colby Community College, and a bachelor's de-

gree in criminal justice from Washburn University. Schroeder is a member of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

He also is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Knights of Columbus.



Schroeder



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Jean Lowe

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Brad and Linda Latham's to share some time. They were entertained by Evan opening presents.

Wayne and Leisha Carpenter, Jarrett and Seth hosted Christmas Day dinner for the Moser family in Brewstewr. Family members present were Archie and Verla Moser, Dan and Kristy Moser, Courtney, Nicole, Chelsey and Boone, Wayne and Natalie Frost, Brad and Linda Latham and Ashley, Brenda and Kenneth Gunter, Ken and Pam Moser and Austin.

Later in the day Jim and Bonnie Carpenter visited. It was a day full of memories and special times together.

Charlene Taylor hosted a Christmas dinner for Ward and Trish Taylor and Amy and Paul Lorenzen and boys.

Mick Lowe was a Wednesday to Friday guest of his mother, Jean Lowe.

Robert Lewallen hosted Christmas Day dinner in his home. Guests were Mark and Pam Lewallen, Darris and Merry Lewallen and Brooklyn, Kalin Lewallen, Daniel LaBarge, Lance Lewallen, Terry and Lani Kirk, Kris Kirk, Dana Kirk and Steve and Shannon Dewey, Hunter and Tanner.

Deb Beougher was in Winona after Christmas visiting friends. Yano and Lael Ransford of Venice, Calif. were honored guests at a reception at the Prairie Skillet Monday evening, Dec. 26. They exchanged nuptials on the beach in California in September. They came to Kansas to spend Christmas with Lael's family.

Their family and many friends from Kansas and Colorado enjoyed the savory meal and hors d'oeuvres at the post-Christmas event.

They returned to California Tuesday.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.65
Corn	\$1.93
Milo	\$2.91
Soybeans	No bid

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Sun. - Thurs: 7:00

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Fri.: 6:00 3:07
Sat.: 6:00 & 9:15
Sun. - Thurs: 6:00

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Sat.: 7:15 & 8:45
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