

Goodland man among 140 newest U.S. citizens

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at this point.” Hernandez married his wife, Silvia, from his hometown in Mexico, five years ago. They met at Miguel’s sister’s wedding. His wife spoke almost no English when they were first married, he said, and she speaks only a little now. The couple has two children, Sheila, 4, and Michael, 1 1/2. “Miguel is Michael in Spanish,”

he explained. “Miguel is a common name in my family.” The children speak Spanish to their mom, while Miguel mostly uses English to converse with them. “We’re really passing them a good skill,” he said. “With the growing numbers of Hispanics in the United States, so many jobs require bilingual workers. This will be an advantage that my kids will have.” While they were courting,

Miguel said, his Spanish was “kind of weird” and broken. “I had a hard time expressing some Spanish meanings to Silvia at first,” he said. “Now I’m also totally fluent in Spanish.” Once Silvia becomes more fluent in English, he said, she may also pursue U.S. citizenship. And now that he is a naturalized citizen, he might apply for dual citizenship in the near future. “That application will have to

begin in Mexico,” he said. Because Sheila and Michael were born in the United States to native Mexican parents, he said, they already are joint citizens. Hernandez became a United States citizen at 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27 in Wichita, as 140 men and women from 39 countries jointly pledged their Oath of Allegiance to the United States. “It is a relief,” Hernandez said following the ceremony. “I felt a big

old weight off my back. “It took longer than normal for me. The Dallas office really had messed up on my paper work. I made countless number of calls in the process.” He said being a citizen has many advantages in the long run. Some of these include making living in the United States easier for his wife and children, and greater retirement benefits under the Social Security system.

Hernandez said he plans to get his U.S. passport right away so the family can continue to visit relatives in Mexico at least once a year. “I recommend the process to everybody that lives here who was born in another country,” Hernandez said. “I have never voted anywhere. I think people born in the United States take voting for granted. People here take a lot for granted. Voting should be taken seriously.”

Citizenship process easy, but takes time

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not apply, he added, and a prospective citizen should be comfortable with English before applying. Digging up the paperwork required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service contributed to a delay in his application, he said, because the Dallas office lost the papers. Moving from Texas to Kansas also slowed the process. The web site enables visitors to check their citizenship, American government and history knowledge by taking a naturalization self-test. Hernandez said these are the same

100 most commonly asked citizenship questions that Tonight Show host Jay Leno regularly asks people on the street. While most questions should be simple for anyone who passed American government and history classes, a few are difficult, such as: Who becomes the President of the United States if the President and Vice-President should die?; which of four listed amendments does not address voting rights; which list contains three rights or freedoms granted by the Bill of Rights? (a) life, liberty and pursuit of happiness or (b) freedom of speech, press and

religion; and name the 13 original states. Site visitors select multiple-choice answers. A self-test grade follows every five questions. Prospective citizens must recite their answers orally in English. For Hernandez, this test was simple for several reasons. He has lived in the United States since he was 4, began learning English in third grade, and passed government and history at Goodland High School. He said one of his teachers presented the citizenship questions as a test to all students.

Hernandez loves to share one of those street tests that Jay Leno did. One woman was asked the number of stars on the flag. As a nearby flag was waving in the wind, she replied, “I can’t count them because the flag is waving too fast.” Prospective citizens must be able to write a complete simple English sentence using correct grammar and spelling. The examiner asked Hernandez to write, “I drive a blue car.” The officers ask several basic questions to allow prospective citizens to demonstrate their command of the language, he said.

Home-owned carnival reports lower season receipts

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upkeep for the carnival costs \$25,000 per year, which is roughly what they made last year. With the \$3,000 or \$4,000 shortage, Hayden said, money will be tight. This year, the first priority is repairs, then paint or upgrades for the rides. The board offers a \$1,000 scholarship to the electrical program at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. He said the carnival season started bad with a rained-out Freedom Fest Fourth of July celebration, and continued with bad weather through the week of the fair. Although the rain was needed, he said, it cut business for the rides. Profits also suffered, Hayden said, because nearby communities held their carnivals during the same week as Goodland’s fair. The carnival board bought land to the south and the east of the fair-

grounds to use for parking and for room for a building to store and repair equipment. Hayden said the board is selling tax credits through a grant from the state Department of Commerce to pay for the land. The program will give donors credit on their state taxes for 70 percent of money they give to the carnival. The carnival group will use the money to pay for the land and start building construction. He said the group was hit by higher larger insurance costs due to a state law forcing carnivals to carry \$1 million liability insurance policies. He said the board paid \$8,500 for insurance this year compared to roughly \$1,900 three years ago for the same \$1 million policy. “I’m concerned,” Hayden said. “We’re trying to get area carnivals together with Rep. (Jim) Morrison (R-Colby),” adding Morrison is working on a bill to change the insurance laws.

Although insurance is a necessity, Hayden said the carnival rides are inspected for safety every other year and repairs are made often. “They take pride in those rides,” he said of the maintenance crew. He said the board made a list of procedural regulations and operating instructions to ensure safety.

Although he is worried about the financial future of the carnival, Hayden said he is working towards a good season next year. “We won’t owe anybody any money,” he said. “We’ll just have to control our spending.”

Libraries to receive music as additions to collection

Area libraries will soon receive music CDs they can add to their collections. The compact disks are part of a settlement in a lawsuit against the music industry, and the Northwest Kansas Library System is asking area libraries to let them know their preference on which CDs they would like. Several years ago, Kansas joined 43 other states in a lawsuit accusing the music industry of price fixing. The judge hearing the case crafted a settlement that required the music companies to provide music CDs to the public libraries in each state. The library service has received the allotment for the ten-county area of Sherman, Thomas, Wallace, Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Norton, Sheridan and Trego. The CDs have been sorted into collections, each containing between 20 and 35 titles. The collections are:

- Country/western (3).
 - Female vocalists (1).
 - Frank Sinatra and friends (1).
 - Jazz and blues (2).
 - Motown.
 - Movie sound tracks.
 - Opera (1).
 - New Age/Windham Hill (1).
 - Top 40 hits of the ’60s-the 90s (3).
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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Torah table
5. Umbra
10. Cola
14. Baker’s need
15. U.S. President
16. Onto
17. Very large truck
18. Eyed
19. Renovate
20. Make an irrevocable move
23. Food
24. Was looked at
25. Thoroughfare
28. Gazes
32. ___ Gras
33. Sting
34. Freudian term
35. Constrictor
36. Ringing musical instrument
39. Impose
41. Hibernating
43. Ducks
44. Sailor
46. Highlander
47. Conservative
54. Brand of sandwich cookie
55. Folded sheet of paper
56. Military supplies
57. Scope
58. Dickens’ “— of Two Cities”
59. Stride
60. Sports channel
61. Computer memory units
62. Tails
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Pear type
2. Always
3. Business note
4. Liquorice-flavored seed
5. Haughty
6. Opposite of lows
7. Shaft
8. People who get things done
9. Assume
10. South American country
11. Oil cartel
12. Extinct bird
13. After awhile
21. Indian Dress
22. Antes
25. One-celled animal
26. Furies
27. Mythical monster
29. Violent
30. Irregular
31. Statistics
37. Lower
38. Make tight
39. Ice sheet
40. Appall
42. Ready-made structure
43. Repeats
45. Similar to the color of jet
46. A vertical member in a door or window frame
47. Displace oneself
48. Dwarf flower, for one
49. Extreme in degree or quality
50. Without permanent sides or roof
51. Asian country
52. Surrounded by
53. Sprinkles CW049110

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