



The Rodenbecks in 1953



The Rodenbecks now

Cards to honor Colby couple's 60th

Ross and Anna Dean Rodenbeck of Colby will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, with a card shower.

The couple met in junior high and were high school sweethearts.

They married on Sept. 6, 1953, at the Colby United Methodist Church. At that time, Anna Dean was the secretary at Colby Grade School, and Ross was in the Marine Corps in San Diego.

After Ross was discharged from the Marine Corps, the couple returned to Colby and to farming, which they still do today.

They are often seen in their chopped red 1950 Mercury on their way to the next car show. They love showing their car and spending time with friends.

The couple has three children, Rod (Shelly) Rodenbeck of Colby, Robert (Marsha) Rodenbeck of Las Vegas and Ronda (Richard) Bachman of Colby. They have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Cards can be sent to the couple at 2515 S. Range Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

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New bird species found by Kansan

LAWRENCE — A graduate student at the University of Kansas is the lead author on a recently published description of a new bird species, the Junin Tapaculo, found in the remote Andes mountains of central Peru.

Following sightings by birders and leads from fellow ornithologists, Peter Hosner, a doctoral student of ecology and evolutionary biology at KU, focused his field work in Junin, a department in central Peru scarcely surveyed by bird experts.

"We found the Junin Tapaculo in the field by its distinctive voice," Hosner said. "I'd spent a lot of time traveling and working with birds in the Andes before I enrolled at KU, and I had never heard anything like it before."

"We made voice recordings and collected specimens that are needed in all scientific species descriptions. Tapaculos are extremely difficult to identify, so at this point we weren't sure if it was a new species, or if we just happened to record a rarely given vocalization by an already described species."

Because discoveries of new birds are rare, Hosner thought the vocalization might be a new sound from a bird already known to science. However, upon returning to Kansas, his quest for more information on the bird yielded nothing. Museum searches, consultations with experts and searches for archival sound recordings all pointed to the idea that Hosner might have uncovered a new species.

"In one archive, I found that birders had recorded the same unusual vocalizations, but on a different road about five kilometers away from our study site," he said.

"They had tentatively identified the recordings as a different species of tapaculo — a species which occurs in the same area. I also sequenced DNA and compared the sequences to known species. None matched. The appearance of the specimens, their unusual song and unique DNA convinced us it was new species — and I started writing up the description."

Hosner's paper on the new tapaculo appeared in the *Wilson Journal of Ornithology* last month. His co-authors are Town Peterson, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and curator at the Biodiversity Institute at KU; Mark Robbins of the institute; and Thomas Valqui of the Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science and the Centro de Ornitologia y Biodiversidad in Lima, Peru.

Hosner said the Junin Tapaculo is small and uniform blackish in color. It is notable for its habit of sticking its tail straight up in the air. In appearance and behavior, the birds are similar to wrens, even though they are not closely related. They have been described as mouselike and photophobic.

"Tapaculos are recognized by ornithologists and birders as one of the most difficult bird families to observe in the field," said Hosner. "They tend to be found near the ground in areas of thick,

tangled vegetation. They're active and almost never stop moving. Even if you can't see the birds themselves, you can usually locate them by the movement of vegetation in their wake. They're most easily seen by playing recordings of their songs to coax them out into the open. Because of this behavior, frustrated observers have suggested that tapaculos behave more like mice than they do birds."

The scientists report the bird's range is limited to a specific band of elevation within the Andes — between about 8,000 and 10,500 feet.

"The eastern slope of the Andes is steep and densely forested," said Hosner. "With increasing elevation, it gradually becomes colder and wetter, and the trees become shorter. These forests are commonly called 'cloud forests' because it's frequently foggy. They are constantly damp, and moss and epiphytes, like orchids and bromeliads, cover everything. They are some of the most beautiful forests in the world. Along with the vegetation, bird communities in the Andes change with elevation. Moving a few thousand feet up or down results in an almost completely different list of bird species. In Junin, we found six different species of tapaculos at different elevations."

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Luncheon series starts with talk on the Mid-East

Our fall kickoff of *Booked For Lunch* will be at noon Wednesday. Gene Rothfuss will speak on the book, "Israel: A History," by Martin Gilbert. He will also be using "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" by Dale Bourke while discussing the Middle East and Israel. Come have lunch with us.

This week we have added a slew of books. I shall tell you about a few nonfiction items; most are either how-to's, or self-help books.

My first and easiest to review is "The Casserole Queen's Make-A-Meal Cookbook: Mix and Match 100 Casseroles, Salads, Sides and Desserts," by Crystal and Sandy Pollock. The front cover makes it look like they have been transported back into the '50s and '60s. It has a nice section of pictures that make you truly hungry.

A few recipes caught my eye. For the fall gardener with truckloads of zucchini, make zucchini lasagna. For the person who cannot eat gluten or wheat products, use mashed potatoes as a crust to make a pizza (Mashed Potato Pizza). For the person wanting to know what is in your salad dressing, follow the balsamic vinegar recipe for a salad dressing that keeps up to two weeks.

And for dessert consider the S'more Pie. Pecan Squares will also be a hit for guests and snacks. I have had this made by my sister-in-law. She made it with gluten-free all-purpose flour and it was delicious. The last chapter, "Starting From Scratch," tells how to mix gluten-free flour and make gluten-free pie crust. It also has recipes for bread crumbs and how to make creole seasoning.

Such staples as cornbread, chicken, beef or vegetable stock are also included. How about perfect rice or marinara sauce? Some of you might discount these because you know how to create such recipes, but many in our younger generation have missed home economics lessons and the traditional recipes passed down through the generations. This book will help them. It has already helped me with some creative recipes I need.

A self-help book we are adding is "Clark Howard's Living Large for the Long Haul: Real Stories from Americans who Saved, Lost and Saved Again." This book examines ways to save and strategically target solutions to circumstances we find ourselves in.

Many of the stories examine how the crises of 2008 and later affected individuals, couples, families and the elderly. He discusses ways they succeeded or could succeed in the future. There is also a chapter



Melany Wilks

Library Links

on being a savvy traveler.

The next book is "Expecting Better: Why Conventional Pregnancy Wisdom is Wrong — and What You Really Need to Know," by Emily Oster. I have not read this and I am not a health care professional or midwife. Hence, I do not endorse its contents, I just endorse reading it and learning

from the book.

It is broken up into parts: Part 1 being conception. Part 2 is on the first trimester, Parts 3 and 4 the second and third trimesters; and Part 5 labor and delivery. It not only talks about food, eating, stress, tests, drugs and labor inducement, one title captured my eye: "Home Birth: Progressive or Regressive? And Who Cleans the Tub?"

Great question and probably a sobering chapter.

Last but in no ways least, we have added "The 100: Count Only Sugar Calories and Lose Up to 18 Pounds in Two Weeks," by Jorge Cruise. This book discusses weight and health. Then he outlines his diet.

I was going to question his menu item for day number 1, breakfast, the Skinny Muffin Recipe, because this is the same person who wrote, "The Belly Fat Cure," and I thought he advocated cutting out flour products. When I looked at the recipe however, the muffin is made from ground flax. He uses Stevia/Truvia instead of sugar so that you get the sweetness without the calories.

The other nonfiction books we are adding I will have to tell you about another week: "The Guns At Last Light," by Rick Atkinson; "Mathew Brady: Portraits of a Nation," by Robert Wilson; The Deserters: A Hidden History of World War II," by Charles Glass; "Into the Abyss: An Extraordinary True Story," by Carol Shaben; "The Civil War in 50 Objects," by Harold Holzer and the New-York Historical Society; and a biography, "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth," by Reza Aslan.

We are adding some fiction items that look interesting: "I Saul, a Novel," by Jerry B. Jenkins with James S. MacDonald; "Daughters of Mars," by Thomas Keneally (author of Schindler's List), and Ghost Bride by Yangsze Choo.

Remember we will be closed Sunday and Monday for the Labor Day holiday. After Labor Day we switch to fall and winter hours. They are: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

See you in the library!

Gem 4-H Club

The July 13 meeting of the Gem 4-H Club was the Club Tour. The tour started at 6:30 p.m. with everyone meeting at the Gem Community Building and proceeding from there.

Vice President Karson Haggard called a short meeting to order after everyone got back to the community building from the tour. There were 11 members present and four leaders. Because it was an impromptu meeting there were no reports.

The club leaders suggested that since we were running short on time and everyone had a lot going on to get ready for fair, that the club would not be able to do a fair booth, fair parade float and window painting (all three) as discussed at a previous meeting. The club would need to pick two out of the three projects and concentrate on getting those ready for fair.

Logan Haggard moved the club not decorate a window for fair. Lizzie Cornell seconded, mo-

tion carried. The two projects the club concentrated on were the fair booth and float.

There was no new business and no program. The meeting was adjourned and the club proceeded with a barbecue of hamburgers and hotdogs. The next regular meeting of the club was to be at 7 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Community Building.

— Logan Haggard, Reporter

Clown couple ties the knot

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — If the key to a long marriage is laughter, these clowns are set.

Billy Tedeski and Patty Kulwicki tied the knot Friday at a clown festival in Pennsylvania.

The (Harrisburg) *Patriot-News* (bit.ly/17d1zww) reports Kulwicki literally reeled Tedeski in to start the ceremony — a bit the Pittsburgh couple had performed at Clownfest two years ago.

Tedeski wore a fake nose, black lipstick and full clown regalia as he exchanged vows with Kulwicki at the festival in Lancaster. The bride wore the same dress she'd used in the skit two years ago, plus a lace headband to go along with her flame-red wig.

Guests got in on the act and so did the officiant, a fellow clown. Tedeski says fellow clowns are more than friends, they're family.

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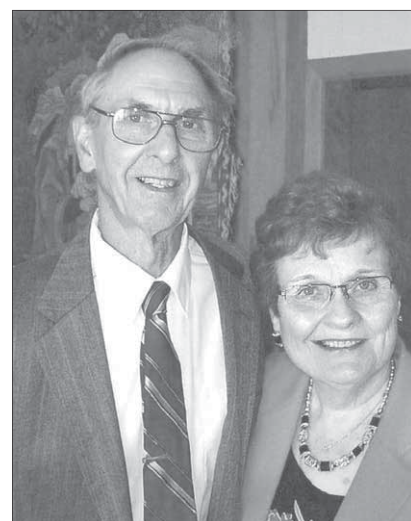
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Happy 60th Anniversary!



The family of Jerry and Darline Hutfles of Colby, Kansas, is requesting a card shower in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 8, 1953, at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville, Kansas. Their family includes children, Rick and Mary Bell of Helena, Montana, Bob and Patty Hutfles of Dillon, Montana, Ron and Dena Hutfles of Elk City, Oklahoma, Tim and Amy Hutfles of Colby, Kansas, Alan and Gerriane Bray of Calgary, Canada, Rob and Annette Boardman of Augusta, Kansas, Roger and Jackie McAssey of Holton, Kansas, Richard and Amy Hutfles of Kechi, Kansas, and Larry and Cindy Hutfles of McPherson, Kansas.

In addition they have thirty grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren along with many extended family and close friendships they have developed over the years.

Cards of congratulations can be sent to 455 N. French, Colby, Kansas 67701.