

Family

Deaths

Roberta R. Heaton

Roberta R. Heaton, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Las Cruces, N.M. She was born Jan. 6, 1926, in Phillipsburg. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with inurnment in Sacred Heart Cemetery. No visitation. The family suggests memorials to Hospice or the Prairie Museum of Art and History, in care of the church or Colby banks.

Jeffrey Dean Lowenthal

Jeffrey Dean Lowenthal, 54, a former Colby farmer, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, at his home in Carrollton, Texas. He was born June 11, 1956, in Oakley, the son of Alfred and Ruth (Hueffle) Lowenthal.

When he was 12, the family moved to Colby, where he played basketball in junior high and high school and attended Colby Community College briefly. He farmed for his father and grandfather in Thomas County for seven years following high school graduation, then moved to Lawrence in 1980 and worked in sales. He specialized in waterbed sales and eventually moved into fine furniture sales, then relocated to Dallas in 1996, earning recognition for his work.

In June 1983, he married Suzy Garrett. They divorced in 1988.

In 2004, he began an Internet business, JD Lowenthal Enterprise, selling garden and household accents. It closed in 2009 amid health and financial concerns. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include a daughter, Christina Lowenthal of Overland Park; his mother, and a sister, Deb (Ron) Teeter of Lawrence; and two brothers, Richard (Kathy) Lowenthal of Scott City, and David (Barbara) Lowenthal of Lawrence.

Memorial services were Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church of Lawrence, with Pastor Dave Peterson officiating. Inurnment will be later. The family suggests contributions to a charity of the donor's choice.

Colby Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, Dec. 28, with 17 members. President Nick Wells treated members to a "cream-can" lunch with pie for dessert.

Connie Renner coordinated the program, which was decorating and assembling food bags for Meals on Wheels recipients to enjoy over the New Year's holiday. This is an annual service project for the club.

Steve Ziegelmeier won Roto Lotto. The club meets each Tuesday in Room 106 at the Colby Community College student union.

Rexford kids in honor choir

By Jackie Armstrong
Golden Plains High School

Five students from Golden Plains High School sang in the Kansas Music Educators Association district honor choir in Hays on Dec. 11.

Camron Spresser, Caitlin Spresser, Dani Weed, Hannah Antholz and Jacob Antholz all tried out and qualified for the choir in October. The students should know soon if they made it to the State Musical Educators Conference finals, which is also based on the tryouts in October.

"It's intimidating to try out in front of the judges, but it's worth it because you get to step out of your box and try something new," junior Hannah Antholz said. "The concert was an amazing experience in the way the music flowed. I always look forward to going to KMEA.

"I enjoyed singing with a big choir and I like the way it sounds. I would encourage others interested in singing to participate in KMEA."

Ceramics workshop coming

The Fort Hays State University ceramics department plans a two-day workshop featuring Arthur Gonzalez on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6.

A world-renowned master of the ceramic figure, Gonzalez will demonstrate his hollow building techniques to capture personality and expression in the human face and form, said Linda Ganstrom, professor of art.

"We are gathering mixed media objects," she said, "and Arthur will discuss his methods and demonstrate techniques for incorporating found objects in his sculpture."

The workshop will cost \$100 for adults and \$50 for student guests. It is free for Fort Hays ceramics students.

Gonzalez will give a free public lecture from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in Rarick Hall room 114.

New books from old favorites start off the year for fiction fans



Melany Wilks Library Links

Wow, the end of 2010 has come and gone. The Pioneer Memorial Library was closed Saturday and is now back to regular hours.

One new book we have just added to the library is "Happy Ever After," by Nora Roberts. This is the fourth and final part of the *Bride Quartet*, just published in November.

Parker Brown, better known as Legs, is confronted by an admirer who intrigues her. Normally, it is Parker setting up the romantic looks at weddings and such, but here she finds herself having to deal with matters of the heart in her personal life. This is a great way to end the series, and readers will enjoy the twists and turns Roberts brings in her book.

A second book written by Roberts is "The Search." This July item is about Fiona Bristow, who trains dogs and uses them in search-and-rescue work. Simon Doyle, a cabinetmaker, has acquired a dog that is nothing short of a nuisance, quite destructive. He learns of Fiona's expertise and implores her to help him with this creature.

In the midst of their growing relationship, Fiona finds that a copycat serial killer has come into town and is trying to not only kill her, but frighten and intimidate her in the process. The only escapee from a serial killer now sitting in jail, Fiona knows that somehow the two are connected and that she must deal with this horrendous nightmare in order to be free. Fiona, Simon and others come together to help.

If you have not read Roberts' "Black Hills" yet, you may want to consider this book also. Here Lil Chance is a wildlife biologist in South Dakota. She has built an impressive preserve. However, a serial killer has emerged and is not only trying to destroy people's lives, but the preserve as well.

An old friend and lover, P.I. Coop Sullivan, re-enters her life, coming to the rescue both physically and in the relationship department, too. This is an energetic book for those who really enjoy mystery and romance.

Were you aware that Roberts wrote under the name of J.D. Robb? In "Indulgence in Death," by J.D. Robb, Eve Dallas, a lieu-

tenant of the New York Police Department, and her husband Roarke have just returned from their Ireland vacation trip. Immediately she is called to investigate the death of a limousine driver. This is not hit and run or an innocent accidental shooting; this is a killing with a crossbow. Funny thing is, while she is trying to find the killer, another person is found in the park dead - this time stabbed with a bayonet. Eve is being helped by detective Delia Peabody and quietly by her husband. Together they uncover a sick scenario that only Roberts can create.

We have added two books recently published by Richard Castle: "Heat Wave," and "Naked Heat." Castle received the Tom Straw Award for Mystery Literature for his first novel, "In a Hail of Bullets," while still in college. "Heat Wave" is his first book with the fictional New York Police Department homicide detective Nikki Heat trying to solve the recent murder of a real estate tycoon. There she finds intrigue and double dealing in a world of high-living folks. While trying to solve this mystery, she is encumbered with Jameson Rook, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. She must not only try and solve

the case, but keep control of this relationship. In the second book by Castle, Nikki Heat and Jameson find themselves once again trying to solve a mystery. In "Naked Heat," however, Nikki and Jameson have to work through their love affair from the previous mystery drama. Here the tension lies between work and play.

They must find out who killed gossip columnist Cassidy Towne. Towne was no angel; she had made lots of enemies with her endless rumors and gossip in print. Melding a working relationship demands critical attention to detail so that they can discover whether a politician, famous singer, athlete, celebrity, mobster or hooker really did the crime.

A few other new items we have received but I do not have time to review in this article are: "Full Dark, No Stars," by Stephen King; "The Sherlockian," by Graham Moore; "Hell's Corner," by David Baldacci; "This World We Live In," by Susan Beth Pfeffer; "Mocking Jay," by Susan Collins; "Whisper of Scandal," by Nicola Cornick; and "A Kiss at Midnight," by Eloisa James.

See you in the library!

'Cover Your Acres' conference to be in Oberlin

Kansas State University and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance will offer the annual "Cover Your Acres" Winter Conference for farmers and consultants Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 18 and 19, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The conference will focus on the latest technology, methods and conservation practices to improve crop production on the High Plains, said Brian Olson, area agronomist with K-State Research and Extension.

This year, the conference will feature university specialists and industry representatives discussing no-till crop methods, the effect of stripper headers on stubble height, spray application technology, the K-State wheat breeding program and double-cropping wheat behind corn or soybeans. The same programs will be offered both days.

Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. each day, with seminars ending at 5:40 p.m. followed by a "bull session" where attendees can visit with industry and university specialists.

Early registration must be post-marked by Tuesday, Jan. 11. Cost is \$25 for Jan. 18 or \$20 for Jan. 19. The conference fee includes refreshments and meals.

Mail registration, with a check payable to Kansas State University, to the Northwest Area Extension Office, attention Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kan., 67701, or drop it by the office at 105 Experiment Farm Rd. To see the conference flier, go to www.northwestksu.edu.

Major sponsors of the conference include Lang Diesel, Hoxie Implement, Pioneer, Brothers Equipment, Crop Production Services, the National Sunflower Association, Cargill AgHorizons and McCook National Bank.

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Corrections

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Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day

Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$7.16
Corn (bushel)	\$5.53
Milo (hundredweight)	\$9.69
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.68

Thief pays for stolen hammer

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A Pennsylvania tool-supply company says somebody mailed a \$45 check to pay for a hammer stolen decades ago.

Lynne Gramling, president of Central Contractors' Supply Co., tells the *Johnstown Tribune-Democrat* that the check arrived earlier this month.

It included an anonymous letter that says the writer stole a hammer 25 to 30 years ago. It reads, "Enclosed is \$45 to cover the hammer plus a little extra for interest. I'm sorry I stole it, but have changed my ways."

Gramling said she would give the money to the Salvation Army.



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