

# Couple announce their engagement

Rex and Sandi Murray, St. Francis, and Glen and Janell Ludowese, Scott City, announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Crystal Lynn Murray to Travis Lynn Ludowese.

Crystal is a 2002 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 2004 graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland. She is currently employed as a social services designee and activity director at Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis, and is also a self-employed cosmetologist at Girlfriends and Guys Too.

Travis is a 2002 graduate of Scott City Community High School and a 2003 graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College. Following the wedding he will be employed at Wilkens Truck and Trailer in Goodland.

Crystal is the granddaughter of Milton and Twila Murray, St. Francis, and Donna Ruddell of Goodland and the late Richard Ruddell.

Travis is the grandson of Vivian Ludowese of Scott City and the late Jack Ludowese and Rosetta Tuzicka of Scott City and the late



**Murray — Ludowese**

George Tuzicka. An April 7 ceremony will be held at the First Christian Church in St. Francis.

# April wedding is planned

Gary and Mary Moore of Bird City announce the engagement of their daughter Sara Moore to Cole Keiswetter of Hill City.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Cheylin High School and a 2006 graduate of Colby Community College. She is currently employed by Palco Grade School. The groom-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Hill City High School and a 2006 graduate of Colby Community College. He is currently employed by the Graham County Highway Department.

Sara is the granddaughter of Bob and Leona Scantland of Greeley, Colo., and Willard and Dorothy Moore of Bird City, and



**Keiswetter — Moore**

the late Maxine Moore. Cole is the son of David and Pauline Keiswetter of Hill City. He is the grandson of the Delores Keiswetter of Hill City and the late Leonard Keiswetter, and the late Duane and Anna Newell.

They will be married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Damar on April 14.

# Windwood Musicals will perform at Colby

Western Plains Arts Association has scheduled a program by Windwood Musicals for 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Cultural Arts Center at Colby Community College.

Some Enchanted Evening, the song and dance musical, is a celebration of 46 of Rodgers and Hammersteins' best songs from *The Sound of Music*, *The King and*

*I, Oklahoma*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific* and *State Fair*. The singers spotlight many legendary moments of the world's best-loved Broadway shows.

The performance is made possible in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



**MUSIC CLUB members enjoy dessert after the meeting. Raedell Winston and Ruth Milliken cut the cheesecake.**  
Photo courtesy of Louanne Isernhagen

# Obituaries

## Lenora H. Weiss

April 7, 1915 - March 3, 2007

Lenora Henrietta Adolf was born April 7, 1915, north of Bethune, Colo. She was the only child of Margaret and Christian Adolf.

On March 3, 2007, Lenora died at the Goodland Regional Medical Center in Goodland, Kan.

In 1917, Lenora's mother Margaret married Ed Stahlecker. Three sons and three daughters were born to this union.

Lenora was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was confirmed in the church on May 29, 1931.

On Jan. 25, 1934, Lenora married Otto Weiss. Three children, Eilert, Aldene and Elaine, were born to this union.

Lenora and Otto were engaged in farming for most of their life. Lenora also worked at Orth's Department Store for many years in the dry-goods department.

She was a wonderful cook, seamstress and homemaker. She was also very active in the community as well as her church.

Lenora and Otto lived most of their lives in the Bethune area. They also worked a few years in the fish cannery in Sacramento, Calif.

In 1993, Lenora and Otto moved to Burlington, Colo., and remained active members of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Otto died in 1997 after 63 years of marriage.

Lenora moved to the Handy Towers in Goodland in 2001. In 2004, because of declining health, she began living with her daughter, Elaine and husband, Jay Morrow in their home in Goodland. She lived there until the time of her death.

Preceding Lenora in death were her parents; her husband, Otto Weiss; her son Eilert Weiss in 1989; her daughter, Aldene Beringer in 2001; and a grandson Curt Beringer in 1959. She was also preceded by one sister and three brothers.

Left to cherish Lenora's memory are her daughter, Elaine Morrow and husband Jay; daughter-in-law, Geraldine Weiss of Phoenix, Ariz.; son-in-law Milbert Beringer of Bethune; two sisters, Irma Chubbuck and husband, Ray of Goodland, and Wilma Maddox and husband, Glen of Burlington; and sister-in-law, Jeanette Stahlecker of Burlington, Colo. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Lenora were Thursday March 8, at the First St. Paul Lutheran Church in Burlington with Pastor Jeff Hanson officiating.

Memorials may be made in Lenora's name to the First St. Paul Lutheran Church, Burlington, and left at or sent to The Bank of Burlington, 410 14th Street, Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.lovefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomes.com)

## Freda E. Beckius

May 26, 1916 - Jan. 9, 2007

Freda E. Beckius, 90, a resident of Ogallala, Neb., for 51 years, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, in Indian Hills Manor.

A funeral mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 15, in St. Luke Catholic Church with the Reverend Bryan Ernest officiating.

She was born May 26, 1916, in a sod house on a homestead south of Bird City, Kan., the daughter of Earl and Eva (Townsend) Retzer. When

she was 5-years-old, the family rented out the farm and opened a business in town so she could attend school. She graduated from high school in 1934.

In 1935, she married Neal Bolyard and they lived on the family farm.

She moved to Ogallala in 1955 and then worked for Goodalls for many years. She also worked nights in the DeLuxe Cafe.

In 1957, she married Matt Beckius of Ogallala.

When she lived in Kansas, she engaged in farming and was active in 4-H Club leadership. During her early years at Ogallala, she was involved in the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Wagon.

For many years, the Beckiuses were members of the Prairie Rock Hound Club and operated the rock business, Platte Valley Rock Shop. After his death in 1981, she continued with the rock shop business for a time, but gradually spent more time doing volunteer work and becoming active with the Keith County Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include two sons, Vertie Bolyard of Bird City and Raymond Bolyard and his wife, Trena of Milwaukee, Wis.; a daughter, Sister Loretta, aka Sister Anne Matthias, of Ogallala; a stepdaughter, Mary Jean and her husband, Kevin Lee, of Fredricksburg, Va.; a brother-in-law, George Beckius and his wife, Juanita, of Ogallala; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matt.

A memorial has been established. Online condolences may be sent to [www.drauckerfh.com](http://www.drauckerfh.com).

Interment was in the Ogallala Cemetery.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala was in charge of arrangements.

## Florice Maxine (Smith) Lauer

Nov. 8, 1925 - March 4, 2007

Florice "Pee Wee" Lauer was born Nov. 8, 1925, in McDonald, Kan., to Clara (Warga) and George "Tobe" Smith. Pee Wee died on March 4, 2007, in St. Francis.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Eddie; her parents; one brother, Delmond; and twin sisters, Viva and Vivian.

Pee Wee was baptized and confirmed in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Francis on Sept. 29, 1944. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church at the time of her death.

A quote from Florice's mother in her baby book was that the "baby was always in the best of health until Aug. 11, 1930, when she had an attack of infantile paralysis. First in the right leg and then it settled in the left leg." This bout with polio left Pee Wee with leg pain and weakness that continued to worsen throughout her life.

Pee Wee graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1944. While in high school, she worked as a babysitter for the Ted Smith family and Eddie worked at the service station for Ted. The two met and were married in St. Francis on Oct. 1, 1944. They celebrated 62 years of marriage before Eddie's death in December, 2006. Their only son, Roger was born Oct. 17, 1945. Grandma Pee Wee was a strong influence in the lives of Roger's children, Gerald and Greg.

In 1949, the Lauer's bought the cleaning shop on Washington Street in St. Francis. Eddie worked with Pee Wee in the shop until 1961 and then Pee Wee continued to run the shop until she retired in the early '90s.

Pee Wee loved to golf, bowl, play cards and talk on the phone with her

friends and family. Children were her very favorite people and she made life-long friends with every child that she could. No one was ever a stranger when Pee Wee was around because she made sure to find out who they were and a little something about them. It used to frustrate Eddie to take her to the grocery store because it took her so long to shop — she had to talk to everybody in the store. She had a quick wit and loving nature that everyone around her enjoyed. You never knew what mischief was behind that spark in Pee Wee's eyes.

Poor health caused Pee Wee to move into the Good Samaritan Village in October, 2006. She was living there at the time of her death.

Left to mourn her passing are: son, Roger and wife, Darlene of St. Francis; grandson, Gerald and wife, Dawn of St. Francis and their children, Kodi and Tyler; grandson, Greg and wife, Maribeth of Parker, Colo., and their children, Dylan, Alex and Cooper; brother-in-law, Rex Case of Salem, Ore., and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 6 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis, with Pastor Ken Hart officiating. Interment was at the St. Francis Cemetery.

Pall bearers were friends Mark Jenik, Earl Hankins, John Hankins, Chet Gardner, Matt Smull and Tom Smull.

The family has designated memorials for Peace Lutheran Church, Cheyenne County Hospital and the Good Samaritan Village.

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