

Family

Deaths

Betty Ellen Smith Gross

Betty Ellen Smith Gross, 82, of Lexington, Neb., died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, at Kavanaugh Hospice House in Des Moines, Iowa, after a three-year battle with breast cancer. Mrs. Gross was a former resident of Colby.

She was born Feb. 17, 1924, to John William and Frances Edna (Jackson) Smith on the family farm near Natoma. She graduated from Natoma High School in 1942 and later attended Bethany College in Lindsborg. She graduated in 1946 and later took her first teaching job in Colby, where she taught for nine years.

She married William Arthur Gross, who was from Colby, June 20, 1948, in Natoma.

They moved to Lexington, Neb., in 1960, where she taught piano for 42 years.

She was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity, a member of Lexington Musicale, the Nebraska Music Teachers Association, the National Music Teachers Association, and a past member of Choristers Guild. In 1992, she was chosen as Teacher of the Year by the

Nebraska Music Teachers Association.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church for 60 years. She was also a member of United Methodist Women, Esther Circle, and the worship committee.

Mrs. Gross is survived by her son, Mark Gross and wife Jane of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Mary Ellen Lewis of Des Moines, Iowa and Sara Jones and husband Curt of Lincoln, Neb.; two grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband William; her parents; two brothers, Robert Smith and John J. Smith.

Services were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, Neb., with Rev. Todd Karges officiating. Burial took place prior to the service at Greenwood Cemetery east of Lexington.

Memorials are suggested to the Music Ministry of First United Methodist Church in Lexington.

Reynolds-Love Funeral Home in Lexington was in charge of arrangements.

Gene E. Grover

Gene E. Grover, 64, of Colby, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Mr. Grover was born Nov. 5, 1942, in St. Louis, Mo. He was a retired truck driver and railroad foreman.

Mr. Grover is survived by his wife, Kathy Grover of Colby; stepsons Van Koon and Ty Koon of Colby; foster mother Mildred Goke of Colby; brother David Sutton of Tampa, Fla.; one sister, Lee Young of Lenexa and five stepgrandchildren.

Graveside inurnment services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Rexford Cemetery in Rexford. There will be no visitation as Mr. Grover was cremated.

Memorials are suggested to the Thomas County Historical Society and Rexford Community Church. Donations may be sent in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701. Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Santa City opens, Fike Park, 1-5 p.m.
Wings Upon the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 5-8 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

Santa City open in Fike Park, 1-5 p.m.
Wings on the Prairie drop-in center, 485 N. Franklin, 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

Santa City open in Fike Park, 1-5 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous candlelight meeting, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

After School Program, Colby Community Building, 3:30 p.m.
Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

After School Program, Colby Community Building, 3:30 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall basement, 8 p.m.

At this time of Thanksgiving we count among our many blessings your friendship & goodwill. We are thankful for the confidence you have shown us throughout the year.

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Couple marries at Overland Park church

DaLaena Dawn Neff and Matthew David Karlin were married Sept. 16, 2006, at the Unity Church of Overland Park. Rev. Michael Osterhout officiated. Parents of the couple are Ron and Lois Neff of Selden and Ted and Diane Barnekoff of Shawnee.

Matron of honor was Michele Nadeau. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Wagahoff and Anne Pleviak, friends of the bride. Best man was Craig Schmidt, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Travis Baird, Jason Lowe, Dustin Partee, Danny Montgomery, Bobby Hayes and Gary Hord, friends and cousins of the groom.

Ushers were Doug, Dave and Darin Neff, brothers of the bride. Flower girl was Nicole Peter, cousin of the groom. Ring bearers were Connor Nadeau and Seth Wagahoff, friends of the bride.

Candle lighters were Kayla Jacques and Michael Hardy, cousins of the groom.

Greeters and guest book attendants were Monica Neff, Amy Neff and Debbie Neff, sister and sisters-in law of the bride.

Anne Pleviak, friend of the bride, was soloist and Sheila Thompson, aunt of the groom, was reader. The flowers on the altar were in memory of the bride and groom's deceased grandparents, Florentz and Margaret Neff, Lewis and Ernestine Tesmer and Joann Barnekoff. Following the ceremony a reception dinner and dance was held in the VFW hall.

Neff graduated from Colby High School in 1997 and from Kansas State University in 2001. She is a staff manager at Allied Staffers in Lenexa. Karlin is a graduate from Shawnee Mission North-West High School and is owner of Aggressive



DaLaena and Matthew Karlin

Stucco Construction located in Gardner.

The couple spent their honey-

moon in a condo-cabin by the lake in Eureka Springs, Ark., and are now at home in Gardner.

December wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hansen of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. William and Dr. Debra Messamore of Wichita announce the engagement of their children, Katherine Grace Hansen and William Grover Messamore.

Hansen is a 2003 graduate of Webster Groves High School in St. Louis and will graduate in May, 2007 from the University of Kansas with a degree in health/PE education. Messamore is a 2002 graduate of Wichita Collegiate and received a degree in biochemistry from the University of Kansas in May, 2006. He is currently a student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He is the grandson of LaVada and Bob Campbell and the late Joan Messamore and Ken Messamore, all of Colby.

A Dec. 31 wedding is planned in St. Louis, Mo.



William Messamore and Katherine Hansen

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Arts & Crafts Fair

Oakley Vets Club
317 Center Ave. Oakley, Kansas

Saturday, December 2nd ~ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 3rd ~ 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch served each day by Ladies Aux.

Markets

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