

# obituaries

## Donna R. Kroskey

Donna R. Kroskey, 39, Goodland, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center. She was the wife of Gregory J. Kroskey, an officer with the Goodland Police Department, and the events coordinator and admissions representative at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Following the funeral and burial in Hannah, Mich., a memorial service will be held in Goodland. Information about that service and a full obituary will follow.

In place of flowers, memorials may be made to the Donna R. Kroskey Memorial in care of Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

## William Hook

William Hook, 72, a St. Francis auctioneer, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007.

He was born May 12, 1934, in Sherman County.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis L. Hook; a son, Eric of St. Francis; three daughters, Pam Hook of St. Francis; Myra Pizzo of Hobbs, N.M.; and Bonnie Pennie of Boise, Idaho; five grandchildren;

and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. Inurnment will be at a later date in the St. Francis Cemetery.

There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Inc. in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis 67756.

## Pauline M. Ritter

Pauline M. Ritter, 79, Dresden, mother of Ann (Bob) Middleton of Goodland, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born Aug. 11, 1927, near Dresden, the daughter of Frank J. and Anna M. (Meitl) Dempewolf, and was raised on a farm near Dresden. She attended Fairview Elementary School, Dresden High School and Leoville High School, graduating in 1945.

On Aug. 21, 1951, she married Francis Ritter in Leoville. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Ritter was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville, its Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three brothers, Victor, Gerald and Eugene Dempewolf; and two sisters, Carolyn Peterson and Edna Hendrix.

Survivors include her husband;

five sons, David Ritter of St. Francis, John (Tammi) Ritter and Donald Ritter of Dresden, James (Connie) Ritter of Colby and Gerald (Phyllis) Ritter of Overland Park; two other daughters, Mary Jane (Ford) Wiltrout of Wichita and Susan McKenna of Eugene, Ore.; two brothers, Dick (Jean) Dempewolf of Colby and Don (Laurene) Dempewolf of Oberlin; two sisters, Delores Zerr of Andover and Dianne (Myron) Kieidosty of Simi Valley, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Marion (Dempewolf) Thornton and husband R.D. of Oberlin; and eight grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at the church with the Revs. Henry Saw Lone and Roger Meitl officiating and burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leoville.

Gifts may be made to the Pauline Ritter Memorial Fund in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

## Clarence R. Schmidt

Clarence R. "Jess" Schmidt, 72, Grinnell, father of Gary (Jackie) Schmidt of Goodland, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Hays Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 31, 1934, in Grinnell, the son of Raymond J. and Anna (Wolf) Schmidt and operated Schmidt Upholstery and Schmidt Oil Services before retiring.

Mr. Schmidt was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Third Degree of the Knights of Columbus and the Wheatland Veterans of Foreign Wars, all in Grinnell. He was an Army veteran, served on the Grinnell City Council and was a volunteer fireman.

On July 30, 1957, he married Evelyn Marie Dickman at Angelus. They looked forward to their 50th anniversary this summer.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Eugene

and Wilmer Schmidt.

Other survivors include his wife; two sons, Stan (Terina) Schmidt of Colby and Kevin (Jacque) Schmidt of Moundridge; a daughter, Lisa (Vince) Wagoner of Lenora; a sister, Geneva (Jim) Schumacher; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at the church with the Revs. Michael Elan and Roger Meitl officiating. Burial will follow with military honors in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. The rosary will be said at 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the church and for Masses in care of the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

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Orders are accepted from now through the first full week in May each year, but order early to insure getting the items you want. Orders are shipped from the second week of March through the first week of May.

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**dana belshe**

• ag notebook

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For details and an order form, go to <http://www.kansasforests.org/conservation/index.shtml>.

Order forms are also available from Kansas State Research and Extension offices.

Dana Belshe is agricultural agent for Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Sunflower Extension District, covering Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne counties.

# matters of record

## Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**Jan. 2** — 8:30 a.m., 1800 Arcade, a 1976 Chevrolet driven by Buckley D. Williams was driving south on Arcade and turning west onto 18th when his car struck a 2003 Pontiac driven by Zona A. Price, who was driving east on 18th and turning north on to Arcade. The Chevrolet hit the left front fender of the Pontiac.

**Jan. 3** — 10:05 a.m., 1007 E. Business U.S. 24, a 2001 International driven by Chuck Redlin was driving north out of the parking lot when he hit a 2006 Ford owned by Bernardino Arriaga, which was unattended.

4:20 p.m., 800 Sherman, a 2001 Chevrolet driven by Elizabeth Bowen was driving south on Sherman, and a 1999 Ford driven by Loraine M. Albers was driving east on Eighth. The drivers did not see each other because of the piles of snow in the street. The two cars collided at Eighth and Sherman.

9:40 p.m., 1200 Texas, a 2005 Chevrolet driven by Heath T. Chatfield was driving north on Texas and stopped at the stop sign at 12th and Texas. A 1993 Pontiac driven by Barry L. Bartlett, was driving west on 12th. Chatfield did not see the Bartlett car due to the snow piled in the street and pulled into the intersection hitting the car.

**Jan. 4** — 2 p.m., 2160 Commerce, a 2003 Buick driven by Clara Hawks was packing from a parking stall and did not see a 2002 Pontiac driven by Dolly M. Irvin, and backed into the Pontiac.

2:41 p.m., 605 College, a 1980 Ford driven by Houston Ray Buell was driving north on College and slid into a 1998 GMC owned by Alex Weis parked in front of 605 College.

1 p.m., 800 Center, a 1999 Ford driven by Kristopher D. Krayca was driving south on Center and did not see a 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Marylou Dahoyos due to the snow piled in the street.

2:45 p.m., 200 W. 5th, a 1985 Caterpillar tractor driven by Dale Davis was plowing snow to the center of

Fifth when the tractor slid into the left side of a parked 1995 Chevrolet owned by Marjorie J. Quast.

**Jan. 5** — 3:32 p.m., 1400 Main, a 1995 Chevrolet driven by David Farr was driving west on 11th and turning south when Farr struck a 2001 Ford driven by Cory C. Semler, who was driving east on 11th. East-West traffic had a green light.

4:26, 1400 Main, a 1986 Chevrolet driven by Gary L. Fisher was driving west on 14th when it struck a 1996 Oldsmobile driven by Yvonne Acosta who was driving south on Main. Fisher did not see Acosta because of large piles of snow in the center of the street.

6:30 p.m., 1200 Sherman, a 1993 Mercury driven by Tiffany Wing was driving south on Sherman when she struck a 2004 Pontiac driven by Sandy Vasquez. Wing was unable to see Vasquez's car because of the snow piled in the center of the street.

**Jan. 6** — 8:30 a.m., 1500 Center, a 2005 Ford owned by D.L. Peterson Trust was hit by an unknown vehicle at an unknown time.

11 p.m., 800 Center, a 1992 Ford driven by Melissa Holloway was driving south on Center. She tried to stop at the intersection at Eighth, and slid on the ice and struck the side of a 1998 Pontiac owned by Martha Gunderson.

**Jan. 7** — 10:40 a.m., 1100 Grand, a 1979 Ford driven by Michael W. Bohme was driving south on Grand, and began to slide on the ice hitting a 1990 Chevrolet owned by Dale D. Price parked in front of 1116 Grand.

**Jan. 8** — 7:41 a.m., 1300 Caldwell, a 1996 Mercury driven by Brooke J. Whitmore was stopped at the intersection of 13th and Caldwell when hit in the rear by a 1989 Honda driven by Angel S. Taylor. Taylor was unable to stop due to the ice on road and hit the rear of Whitmore's car.

12:20 p.m., 1400 Colorado, a 1989 GMC driven by Philip R. Rietcheck was driving west on 14th and a 1994 GMC driven by Javier DeLaRosa was driving south on Colorado. Rietcheck said the accident was his fault because he was unable to stop due to the ice and hit

DeLaRosa's car in the intersection.

2:42, 1323 Eustis, a 1989 Chevrolet owned by Randy Harms was legally parked when a 1992 Chrysler driven by Scott Christopher Shearer attempted to back from the next parking stall and hit the Chevrolet. Shearer left the scene and failed to report the accident.

**Jan. 10** — 8 a.m., 300 Caldwell, a 1998 Buick driven by Terrin P. Keith was driving north on Caldwell and turned onto Third Street. Due to the pile of snow in the middle of the street Keith did not see a 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Marilyn A. Collett hitting her in the passenger side.

6:06 p.m., 600 Caldwell, a 2003

Chevrolet driven by Darin Keith Richardson was attempting to turn left and did see a 1984 Toyota driven by Randall L. Selbe. Both cars tried to stop, but slid on the ice.

**Jan. 11** — 7:42, 1400 Cherry, a 1996 Pontiac driven by Justin L. Horinek was driving south on Cherry and turning left onto 14th

hitting a 1994 Ford driven by Nila A. Been, who was driving north on Cherry.

12:06 p.m., 1400 Cherry, a 1993 Jeep driven by Lexi David was driving west on 14th hitting a 1993 Ford driven by Thomas J. Robb in the intersection, who was driving north on Cherry.

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Specifications may be picked up from Bob Harkins, at the Bus Barn, 814 East 19th Street, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

All bids are due to Pat Juhl, the Board Clerk, Box 509, Goodland, Kan. 67735 on Monday, February 12, 2007 by 1 p.m.

Please label the envelope with "Bus Bid" clearly on the outside.