

Friends, coworkers raise money for Kroskey family

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 Over the past two months, friends, coworkers, relatives and maybe a few who didn't know her came together to raise money for the family of Donna R. Kroskey, 39, who died of cancer Feb. 2 at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The wife of Gregory J. Kroskey, an officer with the Goodland Police Department, Kroskey was events coordinator and admissions representative at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. The couple has three boys, Zachary, 15, and Leroy Prine, 14, and Duncan Kroskey, 6.

Before she died, city and technical college employees and friends began raising money to help the family. Donations collected over the past eight weeks totaling more than \$18,000 have been turned over to the family, said Police Chief Ray Smee.

About 500 friends turned out for a chili supper on Feb. 8 at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union. Smee said the supper and drawings for items donated by area businesses raised over \$5,000.

Smee said plans for the chili supper were well underway before Donna died, and volunteers from the police department and the college felt it was important to go ahead.

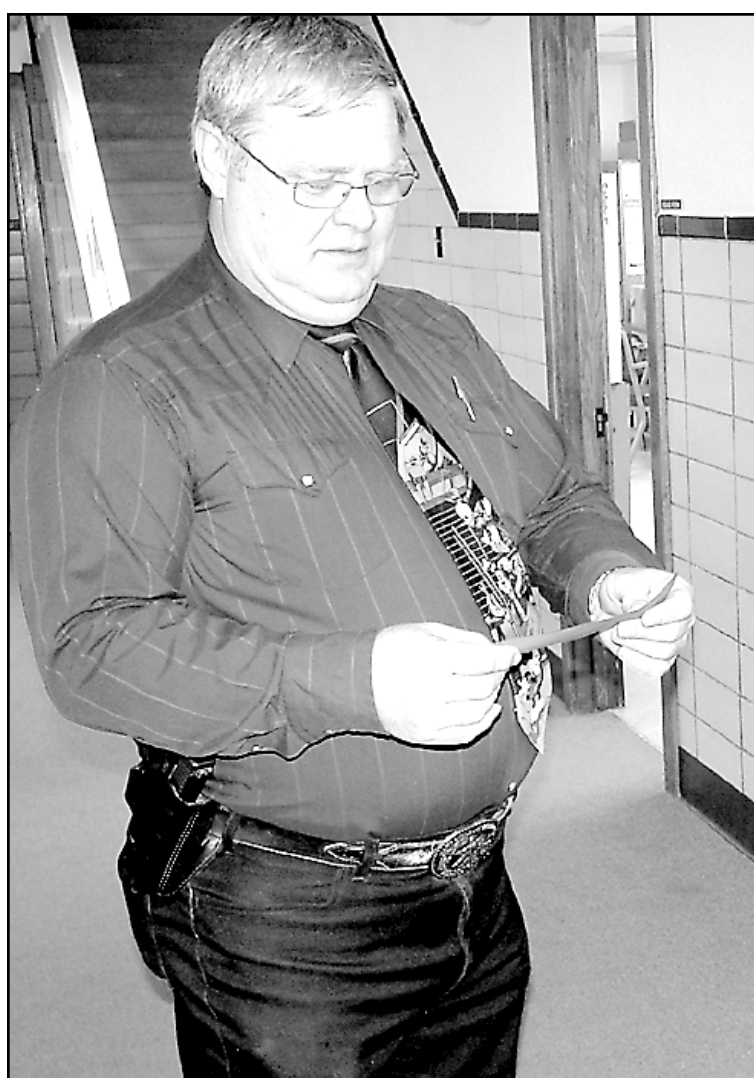
Smee said the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members helped with the benefit and the group matched \$2,000 of the money raised, bringing the total to more than \$7,000.

Donations came in from many places Smee said, and over \$6,000 was raised through a drawing for a 20-gauge over-and-under shotgun donated by Sherman County law enforcement and emergency communications workers.

The shotgun was given away in a drawing on Feb. 26 to Goodland lawyer Jeff Mason.

Smee said he had a real chore trying to figure out how to stir up the tickets because of their size and number. He asked around town for a big rotating bin to mix them.

He couldn't find one, but he got idea of taking the tickets to a laundromat and running them through a big dryer. He could not



Tickets for a 20 gauge shotgun filled Chief Ray Smee's dryer after hours of mixing on the fluff cycle. The tickets were part of a fund-raising effort for Officer Greg Kroskey's family to help with expenses after the death of his wife Donna last month. Smee said Goodland lawyer Jeff Mason's name was on the ticket drawn by Julie Crottinger. Photo by Ray Smee

find one that would not run without heating the tickets, so he decided to take the tickets home and fluff them in his dryer. He said the first time he ran the dryer, the tickets seemed to separate, but when he reached inside he found they were still stuck together.

"I turned it on for several hours and went to work," Smee said. "When I came back and opened the door, the tickets had filled the dryer. I emptied them into a lawn leaf bag which was several times the size of the box they had been in."

Smee said he was surprised when Mason's name came out.

"I called him," Smee said, "and he said he had never owned a gun."

Mason said he was not sure at first what he was going to do with the hunting firearm, but he decided last week to keep it.



Police Officer Greg Kroskey with his three sons, Duncan Kroskey, 6, (front) and Zachary, 15, (back right) and Leroy Prine, 14.

matters of record

Sherman County Sheriff

The following incidents have been reported to the Sherman County Sheriff:

March 8 — Goodland BPOE Elks 1528, 1523 Arcade, received worthless checks for \$10 and \$23 on April 21, 2006.

Frontier Equity, 1202 W. Hwy 24, received worthless checks for \$4.24 and \$62.44 on Oct. 18, 2006.

Frontier Equity, 1202 W. Hwy. 24, received a worthless check for \$4.24 on Oct. 16, 2006.

Kears, 403 E. 17th, received a worthless check for \$10.50 on Sept. 6, 2006.

Gambinos, 402 E. 17th, received a worthless check for \$30 on May 31, 2005.

Frontier Equity, 1202 W. Hwy. 24, received a worthless check for \$40 on Nov. 20, 2006.

March 10 — Shad Sheldon, 41, was victim of theft of less \$500 from forced entry at 101 Wheatridge Circle, Goodland on March 2 at 6 p.m.

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

March 6 — 11:30 a.m., 716 E. Business U.S. 24, a 2000 Jeep driven by Michelle Francis was driving east on the road, and left the road and struck a 2001 Kenworth owned by S & D Transport.

March 13 — 7:48 a.m., 100 E. 13, a 1990 Oldsmobile driven by Preston Dautel was driving east, and hit a 1999 Ford owned by Ryan Johnson. Dautel said his vision was obscured by the sun.

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

March 6 — 2:13 p.m., 707 Wheat Ridge Circle, Steven F. Schneider reported a burglary and theft.

March 7 — 5:38 p.m., 209 Cherry, arrested Diane Thompson and Philip Thompson for domestic battery. Case referred to city attorney.

March 8 — 11:19 p.m., 2218 Commerce, arrested Eric G.

Johnson for criminal damage to property at Howard Johnson's Hotel. Case referred to city attorney.

March 9 — 11:17 p.m., 2502 Road 58, runaway juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

March 10 — 3:38 a.m., 811 Eustis, runaway juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

11:43 p.m., 222 E. 10th, arrested Tervor J. Mader, Adam Sabakta, Justin R. Perez, Blake J. Saint, Brett

M. Jarmin for hosting minors consuming or possessing alcoholic liquor. Arrested two minors. Case for minors referred to county attorney. Case for others referred to city attorney.

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- Cover with wood
- ement: a low state
- Away from wind
- Wing shaped
- Valley
- A piece of sod
- Hindu dresses
- ___ Bator: Mongolian capital
- Highest point in North America
- Top bicycle helmet mfg.
- Genus of freshwater ducks
- In a wise way
- Raises
- Spirit in The Tempest
- Feel deep affection for
- Jewel
- Swine
- The soul in Hinduism
- The Muse of lyric and love poetry
- Planted
- Fish plates
- Plaster
- In a way, launches an attack on
- Kiddie cocktail
- Detailed criteria for a piece of work
- Jenny ___: diet method
- American state
- Material harvested from a bog
- A former gold coin in U.S. worth 10 dollars
- No No No
- No. For a sum
- Tests
- Gonadotropin-releasing hormone

CLUES DOWN

- Make lacework
- Grad
- The main good male character
- Flees for safety
- Dough for sweet foods
- "1836 siege" of U.S.
- ___ olespy: sleep disorder
- Celtic harper Lieberman
- Essential amino acid
- In a way, separated
- A bundle of hay
- Kyrgyzstan mountain range
- Cambodian monetary unit
- "___ you, I will marry you"
- Ancient Japanese religious center
- Adventure stories
- A sharp, narrow mountain ridge or spur
- A granted putt in informal golf
- A brittle aromatic resin used in varnishes
- Worn out by use
- Edible lily bulbs
- Junkies
- Close by
- Electronic counter-counter-measures
- Uttering in an irritated tone
- Extremely pleasant in a gentle way
- Encirclements
- Part of Bombay state
- Upright member of a panel
- Rushed
- Costume designer Edith
- A sharply directional antenna
- No. bird with a laughlike cry
- Pitcher
- A health resort near a spring or at the seaside
- Residue

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