

Time to check for possible weather damage

As many Kansans dig out from the onslaught of 2011 winter storms, Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger urges them to check their homeowners' and vehicle insurance policies to be sure they are protected against property damage caused by the harsh winter weather and unpredictable spring weather. "We've had more than our share of bad winter weather in 2011, so it's a good thing to check with your insurance agents about your policy

coverages," Commissioner Praeger said. Homeowners' and auto policies provide basic protection, but some policies provide a broader range of coverages than others. "Points that consumers could check about their insurance coverage include the following: • Standard homeowners' policies include coverage for wind, snow and rain damage to the outside of a home, as well as damage caused by a structure's collapse because of the

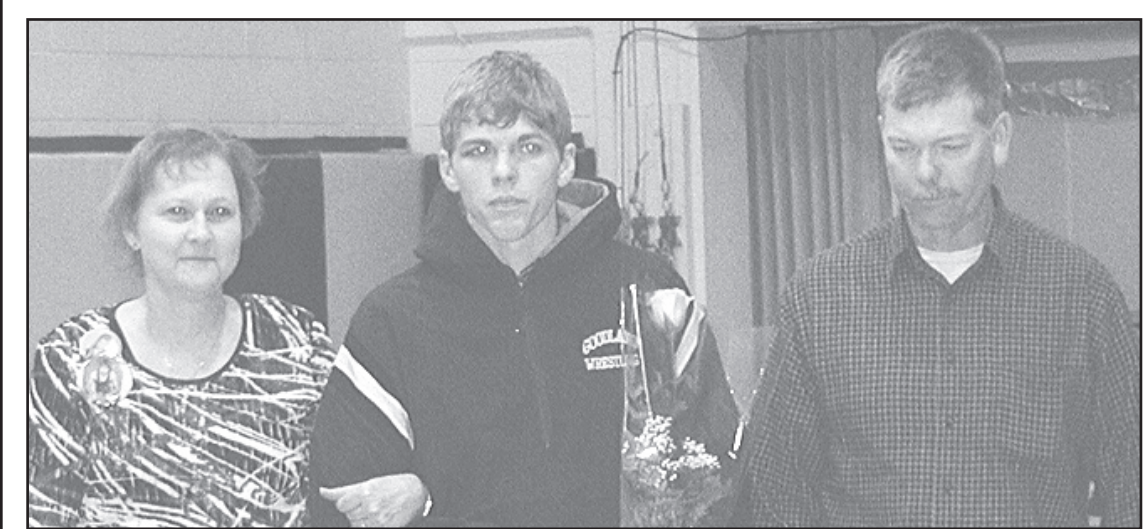
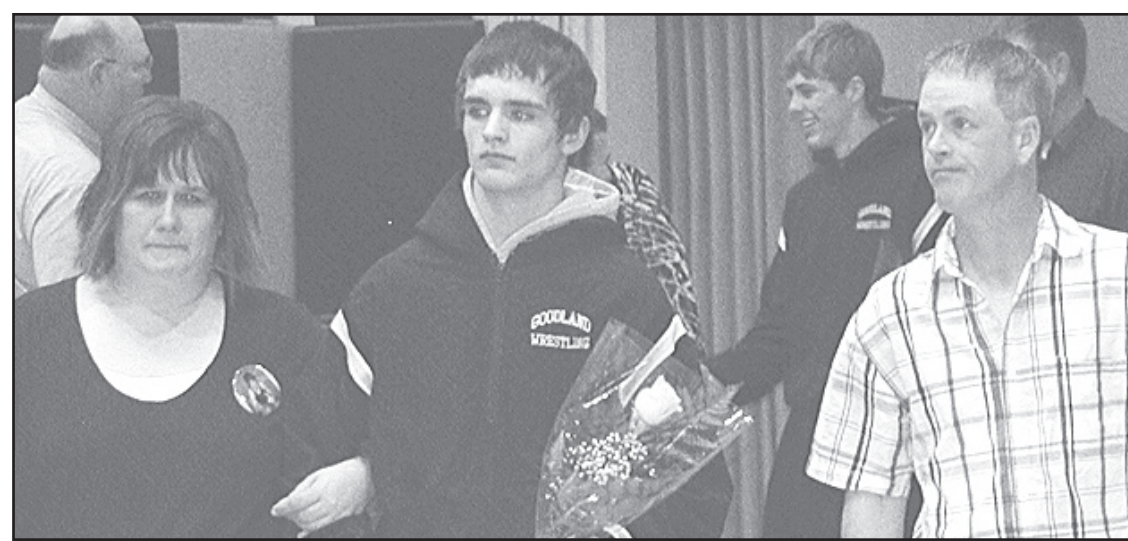
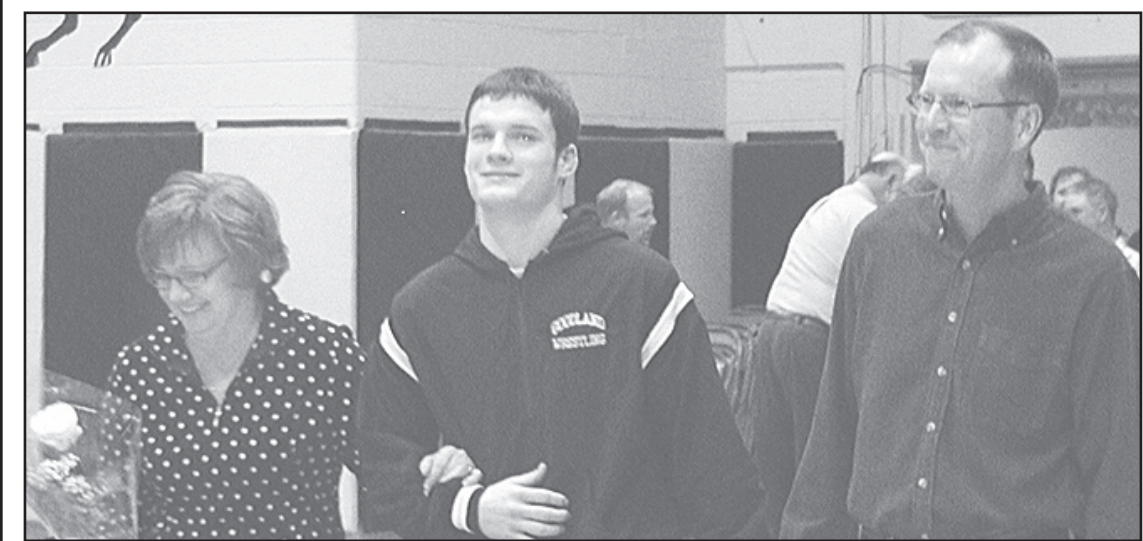
weight of snow. • Damage to homes caused by falling objects such as trees is covered under most policies. However, the cost to remove limbs is usually not covered under most policies. However, the cost to remove limbs is usually not covered unless the tree first damages the home. • Interior water damage to a home is usually excluded, unless the exterior of the home is damaged from a covered peril. However, if interior

water damage occurs as a result of missing shingles, that would be covered. • Some policies cover damage from frozen pipes, as long as the damage is not a result of the homeowner's failure to keep the home adequately heated. • Many standard policies exclude water backup from drains or sewers. But that protection can be added to a policy by purchasing a rider. • Flood damage from snow and

ice melt is almost always excluded by homeowners' policies. Flood-related policies can be obtained through the National Flood Insurance Program. Your local agent can provide details. • Vehicle coverage for winter-related accidents involving snow removal could be covered through collision coverage. Check with your agent for details. "I always urge Kansans with property damage caused by win-

ter and spring weather to contact their insurance agents or insurance companies as soon as possible," Commissioner Praeger said. "If you still have questions, contact our Kansas Insurance Department Consumer Assistance Representatives at (800) 432-2484. Information is also available on our website, www.ksinsurance.org.

Senior night at wrestling



Senior wrestlers, cheerleaders and their parents were recognized at the Friday night wrestling match at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Pictured on top from left to right are Lydia Borders, Alexandra Borders, Tim Borders, Traci Waugh, Day Waugh, Scott Waugh, George Bellani, Brenda Linin, Max Linin. Pictured in the middle from left to right Carol Deeds, Nathan Deeds, Robin Deeds, Sandy Miller, Seth Miller and Sean Miller. Pictured in the bottom picture from the left Lori Rietcheck, Kayler Rietcheck and David Rietcheck.

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Level: Beginner

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Request for Proposals

2010 CFP Modernizations at Scattered Sites for the Goodland Housing Authority

Proposal Due Date: March 11, 2011 (Not a public opening)
 Proposals Due by: 2:00 p.m.
 Pre-Proposal Conference..... March 1, 2011 at 9 a.m. MT, at the Goodland HA Office
 Submit Proposals to: The Goodland Housing Authority
 515 E. 5th Street
 Goodland, KS 67735

The Goodland Housing Authority will receive sealed competitive proposals until the date and time stated above for the modernization project reference above. The work is broken into two separate base proposals. Base Proposal #1 includes: Construction of an addition and renovations to the office areas at Sparks Towers apartments and Sitework improvements at the family site. Base proposal #2 includes work associated with construction of a new playground at the family site. Proposals shall include all necessary labor, materials and equipment.

Please note that a "Bid Bond" or guarantee is not required to submit a proposal. **For Contracts exceeding \$25,000.00**, the successful Contractor will be required to provide assurance of completion as indicated in the Contract Documents.

For information concerning the proposed work, contact Richard Zingre' at Zingre' and Associates, P.A., 1019 Scott Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701, (620) 644-8595. Beginning this date, bid packages may be reviewed at the Housing Authority, or obtained at the office of Zingre' and Associates, for a non-refundable purchase of \$50.00 (make checks payable to Zingre & Associates, P.A.). **The plans are also available by e-mail for free.**

The competency and responsibility of each proposal will be considered in awarding the contract, and the Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive irregularity in proposals. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible proposal if reasonable, and if it is in the interest of the Owner to accept it.

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Funding Cut-off Dates:

Sign-up Cutoff Date for Fiscal Year 2011 AWEPP Requested Funding
Friday, March 4, 2011, is the cutoff date for Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEPP) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 requested funding. The sign-up is available to eligible producers who irrigate in priority areas within Groundwater Management Districts 2, 4, and 5.

Signup Cutoff Date for Special Initiative for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat
Friday, March 4, 2011, is the cutoff date for applications to be accepted for the Special Initiative for Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat in Kansas.

Sign-up Cutoff Date for Fiscal Year 2011 EQIP Organic Initiative Requested Funding
Friday, March 4, 2011, is the cutoff date for EQIP Organic Initiative applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2011 requested funding.

Go to your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

Office address: 210 W. 10th Street, Goodland, KS
 Phone: 785-899-3070 ext 35

Web site: www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/awep/
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