

# Fun for seniors after last day of school



The parent-sponsored luau party for graduating seniors of Goodland High School was held on Wednesday, May 18, at the Goodland Elks Lodge. The celebration was to commemorate the "last day of school for seniors." Forty-seven seniors enjoyed the food, games, Sumo wrestling, bull riding and hanging out. Dayelle Waugh (above left) won the bull riding contest for the girls. Ryan Fisher and Michael Pettibone (above right) tried to out-muscle each other in the Sumo suits.

Photos by Zona Price



# Tips to handle damage

Kansans have been through their share of storm-related experiences during the past two months. Tornadoes, hail, high winds, driving rains and flooding have made the spring of 2011 one that many of the state's citizens won't soon forget.

The anxiety, sadness and desperation that many Kansans have faced this spring are unfortunately the emotions that insurance con artists feed on. Unscrupulous individuals who prey on the misfortunes of others make their presence known in a variety of ways in the towns, cities and suburban areas hit hardest by damaging weather.

Kansas Insurance Department personnel have compiled a list of some of the common scams that occur when disaster strikes. What follows are just a few of them.

- Windshield/glass fraud - Some scammers have been known to stand outside of car washes, showing drivers cracks in the glass on their vehicle, then persuading them to have the glass fixed/replaced. In many cases, the replacement products used are substandard. We at the insurance department always tell consumers to go through their insurance companies to have glass repair documented and to find company-approved repair businesses.

- Homeowners damage from hail - Department Consumer Assistance Representatives urge homeowners



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to call their insurance company first before doing anything concerning hail damage to roofs. The company can recommend local, reliable roofers that can back up their work. However, in some cases, roofing companies lease the use of their company names to out-of-area roofers. Always check to see if that is happening, especially in larger-populated areas. Beware of door-to-door solicitors who have never been on your roof, claiming you have damage. Also, never sign an insurance check over to contractors prior to their completion of the work.

- Use of outside adjusters - Insurance adjusters working independently of a company are not licensed to estimate damage on personal property in Kansas. They can, however, adjust for commercial property. If an adjuster comes to your home, ask the person what company he/she is working for. If it's not your homeowners insurance company, decline the solicitation and contact our consumer assistance division at (800) 432-2484.

Never sign Power of Attorney documents with a door-to-door adjuster.

- Business "slip and fall" scams - Although this does not just occur after storm damage, the idea of someone slipping on debris and then suing for damages is heightened following bad weather. This is especially true for areas near commercial buildings, and, it can be difficult to dispute if the area is not cleaned up shortly after the damage happens.

- Buying vehicles that have flood damage - Although we haven't had extensive flooding in Kansas, vehicles that have been in floods in other states often make their way here. If you have any concern about a vehicle's history, check the Vehicle Identification Number against available vehicle databases yourself, if you are working on a private sale, or have the salesman do it if you are buying from a dealership.

If you suspect insurance fraud, call our toll-free number and ask for a consumer assistance representative or a member of our anti-fraud division. We want to assist you any way we can. You can also visit our website, [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org), and print a copy of our brochure "Before and After the Storm."

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FOR TRACTS 6-16: Meet at the Clarion Inn Garden City, KS.

Property Information and Tours will be available.



Dear Goodland Star-News customers:

Signs of recovery and progress continue in Sherman County, Goodland, Kanorado and Brewster. We ask you to join *The Goodland Star-News* in celebrating as part of our annual progress section.

Topics this year are: City projects — Main Avenue and water treatment project; Hospital improvements and future plans for dialysis clinic, new construction, remodeling in town and an update on Northwest Kansas Technical College expansion and mobile application program.

Other topics will include the city, county economic development combined effort and new director. Hopefully progress on a grocery store, and how the city and county can work together on fire services. What's next for the Goodland school district?

We encourage your business to submit — at no charge — a few brief paragraphs highlighting significant changes or expansions since the spring of last year. We are interested in a description of what your business does or the products available, names of the owners and staff, address of business, hours of operation, your phone number and web address if you have one.

You may include a brief history of the business or highlights of the past and years of staff service. These will be edited by our news staff for the progress edition.

We have not raised the promotional display rates from last year. Display advertising is available from a special section full page (\$660), 1/2 page (\$340) or 1/4 page (\$165). This can provide the proper space to showcase the progress of your business. We encourage you to include a staff photo. We can help if you need a photographer, and can make an appointment to take a picture.

You may want to show your encouragement of community progress through a 1/8th page ad (\$105).

Call Jessica or Anne by Tuesday, June 14, to reserve your advertising space and get a **15 percent discount** on your display space. Call (785) 899-2338 and we can help you promote your business.

Deadline for business news items is noon on Thursday, June 16. Deadline for progress edition advertising is noon on Wednesday, June 22. Plans are to publish the completed section in the Tuesday, June 28, edition of *The Goodland Star-News*.

Sincerely,

Tom Betz  
 Editor

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