

# Kids spend spring break fixing hurricane damage

**By Pat Schiefen**  
*The Goodland Star-News*  
 Spring break ... college kids at the beach, partying.  
 But a hundred kids between the ages of 18 and 24 spent their break repairing damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Adriel Alstrom, daughter of Terri Anderson of Goodland, and a senior at the University of Kansas, spent March 11-17 in Biloxi, Miss., with Storm Corps Alternative Spring Break 2006, a program developed by United Way and MTV. Now she is back helping a relief agency on her own.

Participants in the spring-break project had to pass background checks. At least 4,000 applied, Alstrom's mother said, adding that her daughter spent the week living in a tent, sleeping in a sleeping bag and sharing bathrooms.

The projects included removing debris, gutting homes and buildings, mold treatment and work at

nonprofit organizations, including the Southern Mississippi AIDS Task Force, the Deaf Center and Moore Community House.

Her mother said Alstrom went back to Biloxi on March 31 and will be there until April 20 to work with the Hands on Group, which had hosted the Storm Corps spring break.

Alstrom graduated at semester from the University of Kansas and wants to go to dental school. She missed the deadline to apply so she's waiting for the next one. Her mother said she has talked about joining the Peace Corps until she gets into dental school.

Hands On, made up of 55 national and international volunteer organizations, says it has a network of volunteers.

The group creates and manages 50,000 projects a year, according to its website. They are. Hands On recruits and manages teams of volun-



This picture that Adriel Alstrom sent when she was working for Storm Corps Alternative Spring Break 2006 gives an idea of the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in Biloxi, Miss. Storm Corps sent volunteers to help with gutting homes and cleaning away debris.

teers to staff projects from the beginning to following up with volunteers afterwards.

Reached in Biloxi, Alstrom said she has been working on gutting

houses, removing the sheet rock and nails so the frame can be treated for mold.

"The houses can't be rebuilt until the mold is removed," she said.

They have also cleaned up yards and streets, helped roof houses and helped the humane society care for animals.

She said the area has come a long

way since September, but it is going to take a long time to repair the damage from Katrina.

"There's a long road ahead," she said.

## National Volunteer Week is a time to give pat on back to helpers

April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the efforts of the thousands of men and women in this country who give their time and talents to help others.

Nowhere is the importance of volunteering more strongly seen than among our nation's hospice programs. Hospice volunteers accompany people on one of life's most challenging journeys, the end of life.

"Time and time again, I watch our hospice volunteers inspire by example," said Amanda McKenzie, Hospice Services Director of Volunteers. "They come with a caring heart, willing hands and a listening presence. They make a difference."

Nationwide, more than 500,000 volunteers provide over 10 million hours of service each year to Americans coping with life-limiting illnesses and to their families.

They provide compassion, friendship and dignity at a time when they are needed most. Hos-



**sandy kuhlman**

• hospice services inc.

Support, training and care also is provided to family and loved ones. Help with the grief that accompanies

when a family member needs a break. And they are there for the family and friends after their loved one has passed away.

People often ask hospice volunteers, "Isn't it depressing?" Most volunteers will tell you that it's the most rewarding thing they've ever done. Hospice volunteers help patients and families live every day as

fully as possible. And they make a difference in their own lives. Hospice is about how you live.

During National Volunteer Week, please remember and appreciate those who give of themselves volunteering to share the very best of humankind. For more information on hospice or volunteering, contact Hospice Services

at (800) 315-5122.

*Written by Sandy Kuhlman, executive director of Hospice Services Inc., Box 116, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661. Contact her or Julia Schemper at (800) 315-5122. Hospice serves northwest and northcentral Kansas and has been providing end-of-life care for more than 23 years.*

## Sampler Festival in Garden City in May

What do you get when you bring together Swedish dancers, a Latin band, square dancers, El Salvadoran pupusas, sweet potato pie and buffalo burgers?

You get the Kansas Sampler Festival. It's an event that provides a sample of what there is to see, do, taste, hear, buy and learn all around Kansas. The colorful Kansas showcase takes place this year at Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, May 6 and 7.

More than 150 Kansas communities will come from across the state to promote their attractions. Want to know about the Pony Express, Bleeding Kansas, Big Brutus, hometown cafes, quirky public art and dare-to-do-dirt scenic drives? All the information needed to plan Kansas day trips can be found by visiting

the hundreds of community displays grouped under the big tents.

Kansas products will be sold in one large tent and another will offer samples of Kansas wines. Three stages will feature dancers, musicians and historic performers, and jam sessions will pop up throughout the grounds. Children's activities, art demonstrations, clowns, a stilt-walker, old-fashioned bicycles and Kansas trivia contests conducted from the "Stump" will all brighten the festival.

The 17th annual festival is a project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, whose mission is to preserve and sustain rural culture. The festival was held on the Penner Farm near Inman for eight years before it started to move around the state on a two-year swing. It's also

been in Pratt, Ottawa, Independence and Newton so far, and it will be in Garden City again next year.

"People will leave feeling so proud about being a Kansan and amazed with all they will learn about the state," said Wendy LaPlant, Finney County Convention and Tourism Director and festival director.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Opening ceremonies featuring Vietnamese Dragon Dancers, Latin Lingo Dancers and Ballet Folklorico will kick off festivities Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 7 to 14. For more information go to [www.KansasSamplerFestival.com](http://www.KansasSamplerFestival.com) or call (800) 879-9803.

## Now is time to spray for ash-lilac borer

The ash-lilac borer is an annual problem in our area. You won't see the damage until later in the summer, but now is the time to be getting a handle on it.

Later in the summer, if you see the canes or stems of lilac and privet suddenly wilting, or ash trees that show borer holes in the trunk and larger branches, the ash/lilac borer may be to blame.

This insect causes the base of infested lilac stems to swell and the bark to separate from the wood. A fine sawdust-like material is present around holes in the canes.

On the ash, the borer attacks the trunk, which may cause bark to swell and crack if there are repeated infestations. With heavy infestations, you stand a good chance of loosening branches or the upper portions of the tree during wind events.

Ash/lilac borers over winter as larvae in trees and shrubs. Moths generally begin to emerge in mid to late April. Emergence peaks in



**dana belshe**

• ag notebook

tion of the stems of lilac or privet. Heavily-infested ash should be cut and burned during the fall and winter.

Infested stems of lilac or privet should be removed as well. Permethrin (a high-yield garden, pet and livestock insect control) is labeled to control the borer. Though there are a number of other homeowner products that contain permethrin, the product listed above is the only one I've found that specifically lists the ash/lilac borer on the label.

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

May, dwindles by mid to late June and ends by the first week of July.

The moth has clear wings and resembles a wasp. There is one generation per year.

Public and commercially-managed properties often use pheromone traps to determine the presence of adults. Spray treatments are started seven to 10 days after the capture of the first moths.

For the homeowner, timing of the first spray for ash/lilac borer should be when the Vanhoutte spirea is in full to late bloom, probably by about May 1. A second spray should be applied four weeks after the first.

Thoroughly treat the trunk and larger limbs of ash or the lower por-

Want to finish your degree?

**K-State Options Plus**  
Be a Wildcat wherever you live!

Work on your bachelor's or master's degree from home through K-State's distance education programs. Check out K-State's 2 + 2 Programs in your area!

**1-800-622-2KSU**  
**www.optionsplus.ksu.edu**

Paid for by Kansas State University and User Fees

Bring this AD to the theatre for \$1 OFF on a large popcorn & 2 med. drinks  
EXP. 12/31/06

**April 21-27**  
**Larry the Cable Guy**  
PG-13: Crude and sexual content; language.

Nightly 7:00  
No Easter Sunday Matinee  
Movie Bucks Make Great Gifts!  
[www.goodlandnet.com/movies](http://www.goodlandnet.com/movies)  
**Sherman**  
1203 Main - Phone 899-6103

**Pins on sale!**

Special color souvenir pins featuring the giant Vincent van Gogh sunflower painting on the big easel in Goodland are now on sale.

The pins are **\$3<sup>49</sup>** each and are available at *The Goodland Star-News* office, 1205 Main.

Pins are on sale at Stagesop Sinclair station, Goodland Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary gift shop, KOA Kampground, Bowmans Heating and Air Conditioning and at The Total Look beauty shop.

**The Goodland Star-News**  
1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735 Phone 785-899-2338

