

Drivers renewing licenses should expect a new look

By Karen Krien

As of June 16, those getting their driver's license renewed in the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office, will find their driver's license to have a new look. In fact, the first "temporary" license will be on a piece of heat sensitive paper.

The new equipment, authorized by the Legislature, was installed across the Kansas in state license offices and county treasurer's offices. The equipment was installed to make licenses more secure and harder to duplicate.

The temporary license will be printed out on a piece of heat-sensitive paper which cannot be laminated and is sensitive to the sun and excessive use.

"If left in the sun, the temporary license will soon be black and unreadable. If folded and used a lot, it will also become unreadable," said Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, adding that if it is lost, it will not be replaced.

Kansas is the first state to implement the new license cards and Colorado is working at it. However, there have been several cases where the temporary license was not accepted. Because of the confusion, people are urged to carry their old driver's license until the new plastic card arrives.

Treasurer Jenik reminds people that they have up to a year before their license expires and if the driver want to avoid the confusion and temporary licenses, they can renew ahead of time.

It takes up to 60 days to get the new license which will also have a new look. The license will be placed horizontal instead of vertical like the old driver's license.

Social Security number will no longer be used

Effective July 1, individuals will no longer be able to use their Social Security number as their driver's license or Kansas identification number. However, those getting a license or identification number will be required to provide this number to the Kansas Department of Revenue for its records, but, it will not be shown anywhere on the actual license or identification card.

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, said that if someone is now using their Social Security

number as the driver's license or identification card, it will be changed to a system-generated number the next time they make an application.

"These people will not be required to change the number until then," she said.

Also, as of July 1, the Kansas Department of Revenue can no longer accept Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers. As in the past, if the person does not have a Social Security number, they can sign an affidavit attesting to that.

It will also look like a plastic credit card instead of the old card which was laminated.

Security is the main reason the new card system was implemented. Treasurer Jenik said that when the person applies for the new card, all of the information is taken off the card and the necessary changes are made. With the new equipment, the person punches in his/her social security number (it is not revealed to the treasurer) and it is not allowed on the driver's license. The person then signs for the card. As the person applies, the old driver's license appears on the screen along with the information for the new license.

The electronic information is checked in Washington, D.C., where all images and Social Security numbers are verified before

the license will be issued. If two photos come up under the same name or two different names, then the person will be investigated. Identities will be verified through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and any other means the department has.

If an applicant doesn't receive his/her license within 60 days, they need to call the nearest Division of Motor Vehicles office. While they could get lost in the mail which is highly impossible with governmental mail, the office needs to be contacted and, in this instance, if there are no other problems, a second temporary license will be issued.

For further information, talk to Treasurer Jenik at the treasurer's office in the courthouse.

New legislation changes way private car sales tax collected

The Kansas Department of Revenue has been busy. As of July 12, legislation which became effective July 1, states that the base for computing the sales tax on a private car sale (individual to individual) will be the stated selling price of the motor vehicle or the property tax value, whichever is higher.

The county treasurer will collect the sales tax on the higher of property tax value or the stated selling price unless the vehicle is

wrecked or damaged. Only when the vehicle has a salvage or rebuilt title will it be considered "wrecked or damaged" for purposes of defaulting to the stated selling price.

For example, if an individual purchases a 2004 Cadillac from another individual for \$4,000, the buyer takes the title to their county treasurer's office where a title and registration application is processed. During the transaction, the value of the vehicle is deter-

mined by assignment of a personal property tax class code based on year, make and model. The value of the class code calculates the personal property tax due at the time of registration, as well as the amount to be paid annually with registration renewal.

In addition to personal property tax, sales tax is also collected at the time of initial title and registration. The county treasurer checks the assigned class code on a cost chart and determines the cost value of the vehicle.

If the stated selling price is lower than the cost value obtained from the chart, sales tax is calculated based on the class code cost chart and not the stated selling price. If the stated selling price is greater than the cost chart value, sales tax is calculated on the stated selling price.

The law was changed based on a recent Legislative Post Audit report. The report indicated the state was potentially losing sales tax revenue, because many times buyers of privately owned vehicles were under reporting how much they had paid when registering purchased vehicles at the county treasurer's office.



GEORGE BANISTER helps Devon Janicke, Jeffery Richmeier and Walker Janicke on their putting skills during junior golf.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Library News

The Bird City Library has a copy of Bill Clinton's memoir, *My Life*, available for checkout. This book is a refreshingly candid look at the former president as a son, brother, teacher, father, husband and public figure. Clinton painstakingly outlines the history behind his greatest successes and failures, including his dedication to educational and economic reform, his war against the "vast right-wing operation" determined to destroy him and the "morally indefensible" acts for which he was nearly impeached. *My Life* is autobiography as therapy—a personal history written by a man trying to face and banish his private demons.

Also available at the library is Janet Evanovich's latest adventure, *Ten Big Ones*. Follow the action in the 10th Stephanie Plum addition as America's favorite bounty hunter gets into more trouble than ever. The book reads like the screenplay for a 1930s screwball comedy: fast, funny and furious. The Trenton, N.J., bond enforcement agent (bounty hunter), accompanied by her trigger-happy friend Lula, an errand file clerk, is after a quirky collection of bail-jumpers—a man who killed a neighbor's rosebushes relieving himself on them, a drag queen/school bus driver accused of assault and much more...



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Busse

Couple to celebrate their 60th anniversary Aug. 1

The children and grandchildren of Clarence and Minnie Busse are hosting an open house in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The celebration will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Bird City Legion hall. A short program will begin at 4 p.m. The family asks that there be no gifts.

Those who cannot attend but would like to send cards, their address is HC 1, Box 61, Bird City, KS 67731.

South of McDonald by Sandy Binning

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey. Tom and Kelly Dewey joined them for Sunday supper.

Bethel Goltl's brothers, Brandt Ochsner of California and Boyd Ochsner of Tennessee arrived at the Goltl farm Wednesday evening. On Saturday her brothers went to visit their Nebraska cousins.

Saturday morning, Bethel Goltl and Elaine Johnson attended the interment of Veda Toth Hibbs at the

Atwood Cemetery. Then they visited at the Earl Higley home and had lunch at Hattie Toth's home in Atwood. Elaine and Bethel then went to McCook to visit Irene Kehlbeck in the hospital.

George, Kathy, Amanda and Debbie attended the open house at the McDonald Fire Station on Sunday evening.

Amanda Banister attended the Women of Faith Conference in Denver Friday and Saturday.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of CITY OF BIRD CITY will meet on the 2 day of August, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bird City hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2005 Expenditures and Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2005 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2003		2004		Proposed Budget 2005		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2004 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate *
General	167,661	30.415	194,536	27.237	213,056	63,989	29.079
LIBRARY	5,741	2.306	5,741	2.334	6,248	4,777	2.171
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	8,674		17,000		20,000		
WATER & SEWER	127,177		181,500		192,000		
SPECIAL PARK & RECREA	369		3,000		5,500		
SOLID WASTE	5,804		6,000		8,000		
EGGERS TRUST							
PARK TRUST	1,200		1,200		1,200		
EQUIPMENT FUND	4,748						
SEWER & WASTEWATER							
Totals	321,374	32.721	408,997	29.571	446,004	68,766	31.250
Less: Transfers	20,000		20,000				
Net Expenditure	301,374		388,997		426,004		
Total Tax Levied	69,137		68,311				
Assessed Valuation	2,113,537		2,310,262		2,200,480		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2002	2003	2004
	G.O. Bonds		
Revenue Bonds			0
Other			0
Lease Purchase Principal			0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
Laura Miller Clerk

Years Ago

50 years ago - 1954

Bird City friends of the Charles Hund family will be interested to know that Mr. Hund has accepted the position of Ellis County Agent in Hays. Mr. Hund was the Bird City Rural High School vocational agriculture instructor for the past several years.

The Legion Post met this week to elect new officers with Don Vallin named Commander to head the Post. Paul Wheeler is Vice Commander, Loren Mooney, Finance Officer; Junior Gleason, Adjutant; Bud Versch, Chaplain and Les Perry, Master At

Arms.

The program this year at the Antique Engine and Thresher Show includes threshing wheat and oats with five different threshers. Plowing with 12 bottom plows and 65 horse Case steam engine will also be demonstrated.

Bird City Boy Scouts who went to camp at Beaver Garden in Brewster include Kyle Ridgway, Bill Elliott, Jim Leach, Mike Sherer, Roger Hinz, Marion Mast, Richard Philip, Robert Bressler, Kurtis Frevert, Stanley Wamhoff, Wayne Burr, Tommy Daniels and Scoutmaster Louis Hinz.

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