



SHAYLA HUBBARD, sophomore, competes in the long jump during the Hoxie track meet on April 13.



HEATH CHURCHWELL, junior, participated in both the 1600 meter and 3200 meter runs during the Triplains track meet.

Times photos by Darci Schields

Office closed for vehicle services

The County Treasurer's Office will be closed to vehicle business from May 1 through 7 while the state converts to a new system for titling and registering vehicles. The office will also be unable to renew driver licenses and identification cards from May 1 through 6.

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, said the Kansas Department of Revenue is putting into place a new DMV system that replaces three aging mainframe systems used for driver licensing, motor vehicle titling and registration, and inventory management with a single, modern system that is easier to use, maintain and enhance.

The change will take place in two phases. Phase one involves launching the part of the system that affects vehicles. Phase two, which involves driver licensing and other state-issued identification cards and permits, will occur later, possibly as early as August.

"This change to modern technology will help us serve the people of Kansas more efficiently and effectively, both now and in the future," she said. "We encourage our customers to plan ahead in support of us as we work through this important change."

Vehicle services unavailable
Customers who need to renew a vehicle registration need to be aware that web-based applications that interact with the vehicle titling and registration system will also be offline during conversion.

Kansas Web-Tags will shut down at midnight, April 26, and will not be back online until May 7. The website already warns customers that online renewals must be made at least 10 days prior to a registration's expiration date, the last day of the month, for the customer to be guaranteed a timely renewal.

Vehicle owners whose registrations expire in April, and who want to renew online, need to do it by midnight on April 26. Otherwise, they are encouraged to renew in person at the county treasurer's office to be sure their renewal is processed by end of day April 30.

Registration renewals due in May, which are printed to be compatible with the new system, will be mailed later than usual. Typically, registration renewals are

mailed within the first two weeks of the month prior to their expiration. This cycle, May renewals will mail the fourth week of April.

May registrations can't be renewed online until after May 7. However, they can be renewed by mail and in person, but not during conversion between May 1 and 7.

Driver license, identification card services unavailable
Even though driver licensing comes under phase two of the modernization project, phase one conversion will interrupt driver licensing services when data are being moved.

The county treasurer's office will be closed to driver license and identification card business from May 1 through May 6.

Drivers and identification card holders whose credentials expire during this time are being notified that services will be unavailable, so they have the opportunity to renew before conversion starts.

Three-year project supported by county treasurers

County treasurers were pivotal in securing funding for the \$40 million DMV modernization project. Because of their support, the 2008 Kansas Legislature passed statutes that provide the mechanism and authority to collect a \$4 fee at the time vehicles are registered.

"The Kansas Department of Revenue and county treasurers view the new DMV system as a much-needed behind-the-counter change that will improve how services are delivered to drivers and vehicle owners throughout Kansas," said Donna Shelite, director of vehicle for the Kansas Department of Revenue. "We value their commitment and steadfast support bringing this change to fruition."

Work began in 2009 to customize the DMV system, a 3M product, to make it compatible with Kansas' laws, regulations and business processes. While the system was being developed, the department sent a team of trainers into the field to teach state and county workers how to use it. After phase two launches, there will be more than 900 workers statewide using the system.

To learn more about the project, visit the Kansas Department of Revenue website at www.ksrevenue.org/dmvproject.html.

Cougar Sports

The Cougar golf team traveled to LaCrosse last Thursday and had their most successful meet so far this season. Other schools competing included LaCrosse, Sylvan-Lucas, and Dighton.

The Cougars varsity squad finished second overall as a team. They were only three strokes away from earning top honors.

Kenan Reeh was the only individual varsity Cougar who placed, taking second overall and finishing with a total of 81 strokes on a par 70.

On junior varsity team, the Cougars took three of the top five spots with Eddie Frisbie finishing third with a 53 on a par 35. Ty Carmichael finished fourth with a 55 on a par 35, and Connor Hazuka finished fifth with a 56 on a par 35.

The Cougars will look to use the experience they gained from this meet when they travel back to LaCrosse on April 26.

FFA

Cheylin's FFA journeyed to Oakley for District Livestock judging last Wednesday. The Green Hands took fourth overall, and placed two in the top 10.

Jacob Brubaker placed sixth individually, and Allie Frisbie placed fourth. This fourth place finish combined with last week's ninth place finish makes Frisbie the Cougars' most consistent Green Hand livestock judge.

Other participants included Maryanne Orten and Shawn Pochop. Joshua Keltz was the

only varsity participant.

Track

The Cheylin track team had a successful outing last Thursday when they traveled to Colby. Many of the sophomores and freshman didn't attend this meet, due to the fact that a junior varsity meet had taken place the previous day.

Medalists included Ethan Young with second in shot and discus, Forrest Burr with first in shot and second in discus, Jeremiah White, second in long jump, and Austin Manners, third in the 200m dash.

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County Treasurers Office will be closed to public from 8-9 AM April 16 - May 4

to practice/test for the new system being implemented by the state on May 1st-7th

May 1-7 my office will not be able to do motor vehicle or drivers license business. The systems will be down to convert the data to the new system.

I apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.

Dolores Jenik, County Treasurer

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