

Athletes compete at State

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Four athletes from Logan and three from Northern Valley competed in Class 1A in the 103rd Kansas Track & Field Meet on Friday and Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The Northern Valley girls placed 44th with 4 points and the Logan girls finished 50th with 3 points.

Northern Valley

Senior Erika Chandler scored all of the Northern Valley girls points with a fifth place finish in the javelin with a personal record throw of 118'1".

"Erika once again got a new personal record. It is always nice to have your best performance at the state meet," said Northern Valley girls track coach Staci Montgomery.

Lady Husky sophomore Kortney Cunningham just missed finals in the triple jump, where she leaped 32'1.5" and in the high jump where she cleared 4'10".

"Kortney had a good meet, too and just missed finals," said coach Montgomery.

"I am very proud of these

girls; getting to the state meet was a great accomplishment.

"Erika is our only senior and we will miss her next year."

Junior Hunter Chandler was the only boy competitor for Northern Valley in the state meet. Competing in the high jump, he cleared 5'10" but was unable to make 6' to place.

"He had a good season," said his coach Chuck Fessenden. "He had to jump well at the regional just to make it to the state meet. We're happy he made it to state and look forward to next season for him."

Logan

Junior Michaela Girard was the only Logan girl to score points at the state meet.

She placed seventh in the 200 meter dash and eighth in the 100 meter dash to earn state medals in both events.

Michaela was timed in 27.60 in the 200 meter prelims and 27.79 in the finals. Her clocking in the 100 meter prelims was 13.24 and, in the finals, she was timed in 13.14.

Michaela also competed with freshman Christen Greving, freshman Renee Becker and

sophomore Justice Voss in the 4 x 100 meter relay where they placed 13th in 54.47.

Christen also competed in the shot put where she heaved the iron ball 32' to finish 14th.

"Michaela never expected to be running in the finals of two state track events with what she has been through the past few years," said Logan head track and field coach Tammy Girard. "After a torn ACL in her right knee in eighth grade and a torn ACL in her left knee in February, 2012, both due to basketball, she is extremely happy to be back at the competitive level in track. She has worked hard this past winter to get back into condition and it paid off for her."

"We are proud of the Lady Trojans for achieving a trip to the state track meet. We are glad to have the opportunity to compete with elite athletes from across the state and still come home with a couple of medals."

"We gained some valuable experiences to build on for our next track season since they all have the opportunity to be back next year."

A festival of learning...



The Logan Chamber of Commerce and several volunteers hosted an Outdoor Festival for the K-12 students at Logan on April 29. Students learned about a variety of outdoor activities from our "neck of the woods!" The students enjoyed sessions on skins and skulls, reptiles, outdoor photography, tracking dogs, fishing, taxidermy, reptiles, boating, trapping and turkey calls. Seen here are Kirstin Schorer, Derrick James, Marci Glennemeier, and Lane Archer as they learn about animals by viewing their pelts from Stoney Roberts.

- Courtesy photo by Shannon Kats

GED test changing at Colby

Students who are working toward passing the General Educational Development (GED) test to receive their Kansas High School Diploma might want to finish soon. The test will change beginning Jan. 2, 2014.

"By the end of 2013, the GED as we know it will be changing and time is running out to enroll in a preparation class to finish your Kansas High School Diploma," said GED Examiner Megan Allen. "Students who do not complete their GED before 2014 will face several changes."

The GED test now has five parts. People will have to start over if they do not pass all five parts this year.

The new test is predicted to be significantly more difficult than the current test and the cost will increase from \$85 to \$120. In addition, the new test will be computerized and will not be available to take with pencil and paper.

Approximately 700,000 adults take the test each year. About 72 percent pass the test. More than 1 million may take the test this year prior to the changes.

"I'm encouraging everyone

who is interested in taking the GED prior to January to contact Nance Munderloh in the Colby Community College Adult Education office," said Allen. "She can enroll students in a preparation class. If the student is ready to take or finish the GED, they can contact me at the college at 460-5480. Students who have started or taken parts of the GED in the past two years can still finish without starting over. However, the remaining parts must be completed prior to Dec. 31, 2013."

For more information contact Allen at 460-5480.

I-70 ramp closing this week

Starting this week, the eastbound I-70 Exit ramp at Kanorado (Exit 1) will close for approximately two weeks as construction continues along the 12 mile section of I-70 in Sherman County.

"Closing this exit will allow the work west of the Kanorado Interchange to be completed quicker," explains KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager. "It will also help us to reinstate the port of entry back to its regular operation and location. The ramp should re-open by June 11."

This road construction project rebuilds interstate spanning

from the Colorado/Kansas state line to the Caruso Interchange (Exit 12). The scope of the work includes removing 12 miles of the existing pavement, re-working the base, and placing 11.5 inches of new concrete material along this section of I-70. Last construction season, the westbound lanes were completed.

Around April 1, all I-70 traffic was placed in the westbound lanes in a head-to-head configuration while the eastbound lanes started reconstruction. Exit 9 was closed; and the port of entry/weight station was temporarily relocated to the eastbound rest area near Colby. The speed

limit has been reduced to 60 mph, and the westbound lanes are currently restricted to 13.5 feet within the construction zone.

Access to the Visitor's Center near Ruleton will be maintained throughout all phases of this I-70 project.

Koss Construction Co., Inc., of Topeka, is in charge of this \$48 million project funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

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