

License renewal to stay in county

A petition drive to keep driver's license renewals in Kansas county treasurer's offices, started in October, apparently has succeeded, Sherman County Treasurer Iris Scheopner said Friday.

Scheopner said petitions with over 81,000 signatures were turned over to Congressman Jerry Moran, and Rep. Moran announced recently in Topeka that the Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff has assured him the federal rules will not force Kansas to change its system.

"The county sites are important in offering convenient access for renewing driver's license," Scheopner said.

In Topeka, Moran said proposed federal regulations governing the federal law — known as REAL ID — would allow county treasurers to offer this service as long as they meet security standards.

The federal law sets uniform security features for licenses and requires a state to verify the identity of each applicant. This law, passed by Congress in May 2005, is to take effect next May 2008, though states may be eligible for an extension of up to 19 months.

Moran said states are not bound to the rules but could lose some federal aid if they do not comply, and without the approved ID, people would not be able to get on an air-

plane or enter a federal building.

At one time, treasurers feared the law would bar them from handling driver's license renewals and require Kansas residents to drive to state-operated offices, often many miles from their homes.

"The REAL ID Act is to ensure better homeland security," Scheopner said, "and who better to enforce this than an office that knows most of its customers."

Eileen King, Riley County treasurer and president of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, presented Congressman Moran with over 81,000 signatures on petitions from Kansas residents opposing the removal of this service from county offices.

King also presented 70 county resolutions supporting the maintaining of driver's license services in local courthouses.

Moran said the number of signatures surpassed any petitions delivered to him, and he wrote to Secretary Chertoff on behalf of the treasurers.

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Carman Alldritt, director of vehicles for the state Department of Revenue, said Kansas lawmakers passed a bill authorizing county treasurers to act as agents of the state in providing driver's license services.

Toys bagged for storm victims



Volunteers from the Word of Life Church gathered Monday evening to fill "busy bags" to be shipped to kids in shelters around Greensburg. Virginia Warakomski (left), Mary Ellen Coumerilh (center) and Phyllis Dawes (right) filled the gallon bags with toys. Laramie Farris, 10, (behind Coumerilh) placed a filled bag on a chair. Coumerilh said they filled more than 60 bags that night

which were being shipped to a Four Square church that has contacts with people in Greensburg to get them distributed. Other helpers on Monday included Pastor John Coumerilh, Schyler Goodwin, Nancy Farris, Ruby Anderson and Tyler Raby, 12. Coumerilh said it was a small gesture to help those who lost their homes in the May 4 tornado.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

'Rockin' to the oldies' dance recital tonight, Saturday evening

By Sharon Corcoran
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"Yakety yak! Don't talk back!"

But by all means clap.

Dancers from the Right Combination Dance Studio will present "Rockin' to the Oldies" at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Goodland High School auditorium.

Tonight's performance will include students from the studio's classes in Burlington and Goodland, while Saturday's will be just Goodland students, said Director Jessica Kannady.

Some of the older students from Goodland will perform both nights, she said, but the younger kids will perform only on Saturday. Tickets are \$3 at the door, starting at 6 p.m.

Students ages 3 through adults will dance to hits such as Elvis' "Love Me Tender" and "Jailhouse Rock," "At the Hop," "Love Potion No. 9," "Great Balls of Fire" by Jerry Lee Lewis and "Route 66."



Blake Sanderson and Chelsea Phillips practiced Wednesday afternoon for the Right Combination Dance Studio's spring recital. The recital will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; their class will perform Saturday. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

The youngest students will perform to "Yakety Yak" on Saturday. This year's boys' routine will be to "Soul Man."

These kids didn't know what the oldies are, Kannady said; it was an education doing research on Elvis and the Beatles. Kannady said she also taught the students the importance of adding an element of surprise.

"Be sure to wear a big shirt or robe over your costume," she told them during practice.

She said the audience shouldn't see their costumes until they get on stage. She also told the tap students to walk quietly so the audience wouldn't know they are in their tap shoes until the routine starts.

The students started work in September, she said, and their lesson run through May, like the school year. They went to a dance convention, she said, giving them a chance to see different ideas.

Another highlight of the season was a visit from Miss Kansas, Michelle Walthers, Kannady said; she talked to the students about peer pressure and family values, and they got to have their pictures taken with her.

The studio added the Colorado branch this year, Kannady said, holding classes at the Burlington Community Center.

The studio will hold summer classes in June and in July, she said, which is a good time to try it out. The studio's web site is www.right-combinationdance.com.

correction

A story about the Northwest Kansas Technical College graduation on the front page of the Tuesday, May 15, Goodland Star-News accidentally omitted the name of a Goodland graduate. Clayton Hoss of Goodland will receive a certificate in auto body repair. This was a reporting error.

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This is a fundraiser to help the homeless pets in our community find their forever home!

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