

Kids try their hand at leading cheers

During the halftime of the Goodland Cowboys game against Lakin on Friday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse the cheerleaders had a clinic for kids to try their hand at cheerleading. The group did two cheers and a number set to music.

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State changes driver's license requirements for teens

Teenage drivers face changes in licensing requirements the first of the year under a law approved by the state legislature restricting the use of electronic devices and having multiple passengers.

"The law was developed to help young drivers obtain more experience, and become safer drivers prior to becoming a fully licensed driver," said Kansas Highway Patrol Technical Trooper Edna Buttler. "The new restrictions address key issues that can create problems for a novice driver, such as late night driving, use of electronic devices and multiple passengers."

The new law establishing a Graduated Drivers License took effect on Jan. 1, and will apply to any teenager applying for a license or permit will be under the new regulations. Those who have valid instructional permits, as well as restricted and full driver's licenses including farm permits prior to Jan. 1, are grandfathered and will not be under the new regulations.

Teen drivers age 14 to 17 are not

corrections

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permitted to use cellphones or other wireless electronic devices while driving unless reporting illegal activity or requesting emergency help.

Teenagers 14 years of age can apply for an Instructional Permit that expires in one year, but may be renewed. To apply for an instructional permit the teen driver must have a written application of their parent or guardian. To receive the permit a teen must pass vision and written tests.

With an instructional permit the teen can drive with an adult (at least 21 years of age, with a valid driver's license and at least one year of driving experience) present in the front seat with the teen driver.

A Restricted License is offered to teen 15 years of age, and is issued with the written application of a parent or guardian.

The teen must have held an Instructional Permit for at least one year, and must have completed at least 25 hours of supervised driving. Someone 15 or younger must have successfully completed an approved Driver's Education course (it is not required if the driver is applying at age 16).

A Full (Unrestricted) License is available to a teen at age 17. A first time applicant, not including instruction permit, must pass vision, written and driving tests; must provide proof of age and identification and a signed affidavit of a parent or guardian saying the teen has completed at least 50 hours of adult (at least 21) supervised driving with at least include 10 hours of night driving.

At the minimum age of 16-1/2 a teen driver can be eligible for a full, unrestricted license. However, they must have met all of the prior requirements and have no infractions in the previous six months. Once a driver has a full, unrestricted license, use of cellphones and wireless devices is permitted.

A Farm Permit can be issued at age 14. The teen driver must reside on a farm (a parcel of land larger

than 20 acres used in agricultural operations), or be employed in a paying job on a farm. The Farm Permit is issued only with a written application of a parent or guardian.

The Motorcycle License has the same restrictions as a Farm Permit. The operator must be accompanied by an adult (at least 21 years of age) who holds a valid class M driver's license. The supervising rider must be operating a motorcycle in the general proximity of the teen motorcycle operator.

Teen drivers face revocations or suspensions if they are not abiding by the law. A Restricted License shall be suspended for any violation of restrictions. If a driver under the graduated drivers license law is involved in two or more accidents chargeable to the teen, the license shall be suspended and not rein-

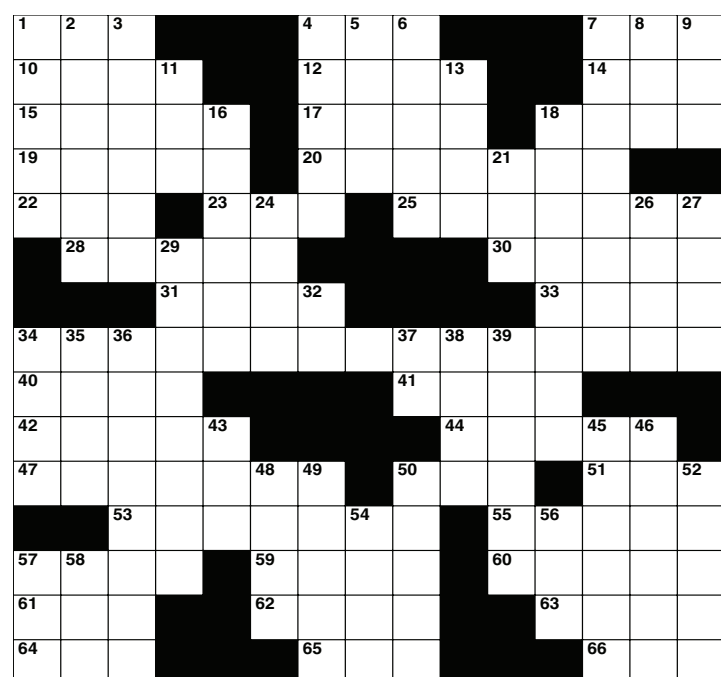
stated for one year.

If a teen driver is under the age of 16 and is convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions they shall not be eligible to receive the full (unrestricted) license until age 17. If under the age of 17, but at least 16, and convicted of two or more moving traffic violations committed on separate occasions, the driver will not be eligible to receive a full (unrestricted) license until age 18. More information on the GDL and

the specific restrictions of each permit/license is available on these web sites:

- www.ktsro.org/images/KDOT_GDL%20Law%20Card_lowres.pdf
- www.ktsro.org/images/Teen%20Pages/GDL_Brief_Financial.pdf
- www.kansashighwaypatrol.org/general/gdl.html

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Father
- Young women's assoc.
- Humbug
- Breezed through
- Not generally occurring
- Baseball scoring term
- Discharge from army (Br.)
- Morally reprehensible
- Leuciscus fish
- Thin gruel or mush
- Sulawesi
- Take a seat
- ____s - Nam's neighbor
- Popular cracker
- ____ B. de Mille, filmmaker
- Stories
- Smaller quantity
- A stone lined grave
- Sales receipt
- Popular BBQ meat
- Rabbit
- Days long past
- Italian commune Lona-____
- Grooves on a column
- Adjoined
- Swiss river
- Set free
- Former \$10 US gold coin
- N. Central African country
- Mountain range
- Storage towers
- Take in solid food
- Large S. Am. burrowing rodent
- Sandy piece of seashore (Br.)
- A lyric poem
- Owens

CLUES DOWN

- Opposite of mamas
- Vinegary
- Assign to a lower position
- El _____, painter
- Rescue from harm
- Plant parts
- Capital of Brazil
- Easy as 1 2 3
- Go quickly
- Pain unit
- R_____se - let go
- Cognitive content held as true
- In a way, separates
- Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- In addition
- Crime fighter Eliot
- This (Spanish)
- A state of secrecy
- Left heart there
- College teacher
- A small stream
- Unrepentant
- Expression of uncertainty
- Abnormal breathing
- Shipping containers
- Goose egg
- Am. birds of prey
- Hairdressers shops
- A less than average tide
- Cockatoo
- Plateaus
- Readjust
- Prevents harm to creatures
- An assistant
- Top business operator
- Possessed

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