

Expanded gaming gets the nod

SB 66 — Expanded Gaming & Lottery Extension: Following a historical 12-hour filibuster the Senate voted 21 to 19 to concur with the House and send to the Governor a bill that will allow construction of up to four casinos in Kansas and installation of slot machines at the state's three horse and dog racing tracks.

The bill also would impose a 25-year moratorium on any further expansion of gaming. The possible casino locations, each subject to local voter approval, are Wyandotte County, Sedgwick/Sumner County, Ford County, and Crawford/Cherokee County.

SB 244 — Funeral Picketing: 123 Representatives and 40 Senators agreed to sending to the Governor a bill creating the Kansas Privacy Act.

Once in force, this act will prohibit persons from engaging in picketing or a directed protest within 150 feet of any entrance to any cemetery, church, mortuary, or other location where a funeral is held or conducted.

The prohibition would commence within one hour prior to, during, and two hours following the commencement of a funeral.

Public demonstration also will be prohibited from blocking entries or exits from a funeral; or impeding vehicles which are part of a funeral procession.

The bill will not go into effect

Senate Doings Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer



until after the Kansas Supreme Court or a federal court upholds the constitutionality of the bill's provisions.

The Attorney General will be required to seek judicial determination of the constitutionality of the bill.

This eliminates the chance of a group or individual suing the state claiming their right to free speech has been impeded creating the opportunity for them to be awarded attorney's fees at the state's expense.

HB 2062 — Alexa's Law: On a vote of 26 to 14 the Senate approved amending Alexa's Law into another criminal-law bill. Alexa's Law would define an "unborn child" as a "person" against whom certain crimes could be committed.

The effect would be to allow prosecutors to bring separate criminal charges against people who commit crimes against a pregnant woman: One charge for the crime against the pregnant woman, and another charge for the

crime against her child.

The bill contains a provision making clear that it does not apply in cases of abortion or other medical procedures.

HB 2437 — Big Game Permits: Culminating two years worth of work by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks deer task force, the Senate voted 36 to 4 to allow the Secretary of KDWP more flexibility in issuing big game and wild turkey hunting permits to Kansas residents and family members of landowners and tenants.

The bill specifically allows more hunt-on-your-land permits to be issued and more clearly defines who is a family member of a landowner or tenant eligible for hunting permits.

The bill further allows greater flexibility in managing non-resident hunters, setting permit numbers based on a biological and societal formulation rather than an arbitrary percentage, and allows them to designate the season and type of permit they desire.

Lastly the provisions give the KDWP Secretary greater flexibility in determining permit types for residents and landowners that offer more opportunities in the field while still maintaining the biological balance and age structure necessary to manage the deer herd within societal tolerances.

Sen. Ostmeyer represents the 40th District.

Will women drivers ever learn?

The e-mail bunch stumbled across a few items that should brighten your day. Here's a sampling of what they sent within the past week or two. Keep your eyes open and join the E.bag brigade.

This morning on the Interstate, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily. But she scared me so much, I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear which fell into the

From TD's E.bag

coffee between my legs, ruined the phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call.

All because of that woman driver!

Will Rogers had this to say about growing old:

- Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and

some of the roads weren't paved.

- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

- I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

- One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

- Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf

- And finally, if you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

(Send anything you might have to brighten one's day to tomd@nwkansas.com., or fax 785-877-3732.)

Norton man shares issues with council

(Continued from Page 1) one is revving up a race car in one of the storage units late at night. He said it is so loud that he can't hear his television inside of his house and wanted to know if anything could be done.

Mrs. Griffiths said the area is zoned as light industrial and so it is legal to work on race cars there. The council asked Chief Menagh to talk to the person using the storage unit about the complaint.

- Heard from Economic Development Director Wade Carter that he will begin working on housing and wanted to know if anyone had any ideas. City Administrator Rob Lawson said he would like to see an assistance program helping people to get insulation, good windows or doors, good furnaces or ceiling fans. Councilman Ron Briery said he would like to know if there are any grants available to work on the swimming pool.

- Waived the formal first reading of Ordinance No. 1559, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with the State of Kan-

sas to get a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund to pay for the water plant project.

- Adopted Resolution 3-2007, amending the city's employee handbook by increasing the meal allowance during business travel.

- Heard from Mrs. Griffiths that the carpools on the east side of the Norton Manor were built on city property. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued a technical violation because the property must be owned by the Norton Housing Authority (Norton Manor) since HUD helped finance the project.

Mr. Briery thinks that a formal request in writing should be received by the Norton Housing Authority board and then the matter will be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Mann said research needs to be done to determine what land needs to be deeded.

- Asked Chief Menagh to give them a complete scenario of all correspondence and action which takes place to demolish a property

so that the council can see what time frame is needed for the whole process.

- Approved Spring Clean-Up for April 23, 24 and 25.

- Heard that the city received \$7,604.95 from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for damages to the Public Works systems in Norton during a winter storm. He also said the remaining \$5,000 for the debris removal from the fire damaged property downtown was received.

- Accepted a bid from Boxler Insurance for the city's business protection policy. It was the only bid received.

- Renewed the Class A Club License for Harmonson Redd Post No. 63 American Legion in Norton.

- Held a 20-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Held a 5-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege.

- Paid bills in the amount of \$579,736.11

Seminar helps those who've lost a loved one

A seminar to help anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one will be held later this month in Kearney, Neb.

"Overcoming Grief" is the title of the seminar lead by nationally recognized author and speaker, Dee Brestin. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 21 at Countryside Christian Church, 3203 8th Ave., Kearney.

Workshops will cover:

- loss of a spouse
- loss of a grown child

- loss of an infant
- loss of a parent
- divorce recovery
- the reality of post-abortion grief
- helping a grieving child
- traumatic, unexpected death
- healing a friend's grieving heart

- how to celebrate the holidays while grieving
- helping others with pain and the grief of abortion.

To learn more about Mrs.

Brestin go to her website: www.deebrestin.com.

Registration before April 9 is \$20. After April 9 it is \$25. Childcare will be provided for \$10, but must be pre-registered. If you have questions call 308-236-5916.

If you have transportation needs, call Rosalie McMullen, 877-3026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Norton County Canvass Date

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NOTICE OF COUNTY CANVASS DATE

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3104, notice is hereby given that the official canvass of the General Election returns for Norton County will be Monday, April 9th, 2007. The canvass will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Room.

In witness whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this 29th day of March, 2007.

SEAL: County Clerk, Norton County Kansas
SIGNED:

Robert D. Wyatt, Norton County Election Officer

Senator's bill helps seniors

(Continued from Page 1) ceive donated commodities. The language mirrors the original language prior to the reauthorization of the Act.

The bill was approved by the full Senate last Tuesday night and immediately went to the House where it was approved Wednesday night.

Thanks for Voting!

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Norton Schools Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee



Doug Daniels

Mr. Doug Daniels is a bus driver and is completing his 15th year as an employee of USD 211. He and his wife Teresa are the parents of four children and the grandparents of two. Fishing and watching Blue Jay sports are his favorite leisure activities. Interacting with the kids who ride his bus is what he likes best about his job.

Certified Employee



Connie Miller

Mrs. Miller is the 5th and 6th grade inter-related teacher. She has taught for nineteen years and eleven of those have been in Norton. Mrs. Miller holds both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Fort Hays State University. She and her husband, Alan, have two sons. Mrs. Miller lists quilting and following her children's activities as her hobbies. Working with the "fantastic" EES staff and students and seeing kids be successful in their school work are what she likes best about teaching at EES.

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

Tulip Time at Binkley Gardens

4/7-18/07
Experience 35,000 tulips
Voted as a top 100 event for 2007
4536 Elevation Lane, Topeka, KS
(785) 478-4624 or (800) 235-1030

Historic Trolley Tours

4/7/07-10/28/07
Discover scenic charm and rich history on a narrated tour along brick streets past Victorian mansions. Atchison, KS
(800) 234-1854; www.AtchisonKansas.net

Cheyenne Bottoms Wetlanders Festival

4/14/07
Fun for all celebrating wildlife, birds & history of Cheyenne Bottoms. Tours, activities & demonstrations. Main St., Haisington, KS
(620) 653-2208; www.wetlanders.org

Crappie USA Tournament

5/5/2007
Crappie USA Regional Qualifier at Tuttle Creek Lake, Manhattan, KS
(270) 395-4204; www.crappieusa.com

Wichita River Festival

5/11-19/07
Enjoy Kansas' largest event with 60 events...concerts, kids' and sporting events, fireworks, and more! Admission: \$5, button (316) 267-2817; www.wichitafestivals.com

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