

Ostmeyer reports on end of 2010 Legislative session

This is the second segment of state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer's session-end report. Others will follow as space permits.

SB 306 - Personal and Family Protection Act

SB 306 amends the Personal and Family Protection Act which established the concealed carry law. The changes remove a number of current provisions, modify others, adjust various fees associated with licensure, add new provisions and make technical amendments. The bill changes the term "weapon" to "handgun" and deletes several current requirements that must be met before licensure is granted to carry a concealed handgun. The measure maintains the requirements that individuals must be

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at least 21 years of age and be a resident of the state or county where the licensure application was made. A provision is added to the bill that allows a person to carry a concealed handgun while a concealed carry application is pending if certain criteria is met.

The conference committee report for SB 306 passed 37 to 2 on May 6.

SB 368 - Driving Under the Influence Penalties

SB 368 amends the effective date of the criminal penalty provisions regarding third, fourth or subsequent convictions for driving under the influence (DUI) enacted by HB 2096 from the 2009 session from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011. The bill amends the penalty provisions for a second alcohol or drug-related conviction to require a one year suspension of a person's driving privileges, which may be modified after a 45 day hard suspension and application to the Division of Motor Vehicles. An individual's driving privileges are restricted for the remainder of one year to driving only a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device and restricts the person to driving to and from work, school, treat-

ment or to the ignition interlock provider.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the Kansas Register. The conference committee report for SB 368 passed 40 to 0 on May 10.

SB 572 - Appropriations for Fiscal Years 2010 Through 2017 (House Budget Proposal)

SB 572 makes the following changes to the State General Fund budget for FY 2011 as compared to FY 2010:

- Department of Education
 - For FY 2011 a \$133.4 million increase, or 4.7 percent, above the FY 2010 amount
 - Base State Aid Per Pupil for FY 2011 is \$4,012
 - Local option budget funding of \$339.2 million for FY 2011

Funding Special Education at 86.2 percent of excess costs in FY 2011

Higher Education

- For FY 2011 an increase of \$5.8 million above FY 2010 funding

\$5.6 million for debt service payments for Board of Regents institutions

\$200,000 for the Kansas Academy for Mathematics and Science at Fort Hays State University

Human Services

- For FY 2011 an increase of \$46.8 million, or 4 percent, above FY 2010 funding

Veterans Affairs - Increase of \$1 million, 11.6 percent, for operating support

Department on Aging - In-

crease of \$5.6 million above FY 2010 levels

Nutrition Programs - Increase of \$1.5 million or 61.9 percent

Nursing Facilities - Increase of \$4.1 million or 3.8 percent

Home and Community Based Services (Frail Elderly) - Increase of \$2 million or 1.6 percent

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services -- \$6.9 million for physically disabled and developmentally disabled Home and Community Based Service Waivers

Public Safety

- Net increase of \$2.7 million or 0.7 percent

\$1.7 million to reopen the Stockton Correctional Facility which will provide an additional 128 prison beds

Council

(Continued from Page 1) be a member of the personnel committee.

City Administrator Rob Lawson gave his report.

He said the security system for the power plant has been ordered and should be in next week.

He updated the council on some

upcoming projects that will need electrical lines moved such as the expansion at Natoma Corp. and the Kansas Department of Transportation building which will be remodeled.

He said the grant for the fire truck has been submitted. The 2011 budget is close to comple-

tion, he said.

Donna Foley reported on the last Norton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting. She made a motion to approve ordinance 1602, raising court costs by \$1. Vote taken, motion passed.

She said the city received a letter thanking Police Officer Adam

Wahlmeier for his professionalism during a recent incident.

Kim Snyder reported on the last utility committee meeting.

She said they met with a representative from MidWest Energy regarding their options for the power plant.

She said the purpose of the

meeting was to gather information about their options.

Roberta Ryan reported on the last economic development meeting.

The next safety committee meeting will be held June 21 at 5:30 p.m., the next finance committee meeting will be held

June 28 at 5:30 p.m. and the next personnel meeting will be held June 28.

The next city council meeting will be July 7 at 5:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the city office.

Wall

(Continued from Page 1) and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce office. The drawing will be held during the fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

The American Legion Riders will hold a Poker Run June 26. All bikers are welcome, and registration is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. with the riders leaving at 1 p.m. For the first hand, the cost is \$15 and other hands are \$5.

The Norton Eagles will raffle a Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle during a drawing on Sept. 8. Tickets are

\$1 each or 12 tickets for \$10. Contact John Milnes, Jeff Calloway, Larry Hawks or Randy Knoll.

The Norton County Arts Council will host Bonnie Cameron June 27 at 3 p.m. at East Campus with a free will donation for the Moving Wall. The 312th Army Band will perform at 7 p.m. July 21 at East Campus with a free will donation for the wall.

Erlenbusch said more fundraisers are welcome.

"If anyone wants to do fundraisers, contact me," she said.

JENNINGS NEWS

Government commodities were given at 403 S. Penn in Jennings from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, to eligible residents.

Reminder: Animal immunizations clinic were held at Heritage Park in Jennings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 16. The Jennings Playground Committee is sponsoring the event. Routine immunizations such as rattlesnake, distemper, rabies, and others were available. Fees were the same as charged at the Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Oberlin.

Jennings ZCBJ Lodge held the Kansas State Western Fraternal

Lodge Association meeting on Saturday at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin. The Jennings organization is 105 years old. Daryl Hartzog received his 50-year pin at this meeting.

Diane and Dave Carter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 13, with their family.

Wayne and Louise Cressler celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Sunflower Senior Center Sunday and Monday, June 13 and 14. Some of the family are staying to visit throughout the week.

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