

## Lawmakers Advance Human Trafficking Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska bill that would expand protections for human trafficking victims has won first-round approval from lawmakers.

The bill that advanced on Thursday focuses heavily on minors of both sexes who are coerced and sometimes forced into the sex trade. Sen. Amanda McGill of Lincoln says the law should reflect that young people often aren't entering the sex trade by choice.

The measure would define human trafficking as a form of child abuse, offer an affirmative legal defense for human trafficking victims charged with prostitution, and provide immunity to minors who could otherwise face charges.

Lawmakers say they plan to continue addressing the issue. Sen. Colby Coash of Lincoln says he's concerned that the penalties for johns still aren't enough to dissuade them.

## S.D. Falls Short Of Walleye Egg Collection Goal

PIERRE (AP) — A cold and snowy April set back fish spawning in South Dakota and complicated the efforts of state wildlife officials to collect walleye eggs from Lake Oahe and eight eastern lakes.

The state Game, Fish and Parks Department collected about 60 million walleye eggs, 7 million below the agency's goal. However, "we will be able to fill our priority stocking needs even though we came up a little short," fisheries administrator Will Saylor told the *Rapid City Journal*.

The eggs will be hatched at the Blue Dog Lake State Fish Hatchery near Waubay and used for stocking in lakes throughout the state.

Game, Fish and Parks often has set a goal of collecting 100 million walleye eggs in past years. That many was not needed this year, according to fisheries chief John Lott.

"We have pretty good walleye populations in most of our lakes, so the need to supplement walleye populations through stocking this year was lower than normal," he said.

## Financial Literacy Program Aimed At Schools

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — High school teachers throughout Nebraska will have a new tool this fall to help students learn about credit cards, student loans, savings and taxes.

The program will offer financial lessons through video, animation, 3-D gaming and social media to both public and private high schools. It's part of a five-year agreement between the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust and EverFi, a Washington, D.C.-based educational technology company.

"Our children and grandchildren must begin to acquire this knowledge now, when they're young, so that they avoid many of the mistakes and heartbreak that all too often have come today to those who have made financial mistakes," said State Treasurer Don Stenberg, who announced the agreement Thursday at the Capitol.

The coursework addresses a range of financial topics, including credit cards, credit scores, insurance, mortgages, savings, student loans and taxes. Stenberg said a second component of the web-based program will focus on adults, with information about state-sponsored college savings plans.

The EverFi program is already in use in Omaha public high schools and 28 other schools in Nebraska, under sponsorship of local banks in cooperation with the Nebraska Bankers Association. Stenberg said 239 additional public high schools and 35 private high schools can take advantage of the program.

The animated, interactive programs will add a new twist to existing financial literacy programs in schools, said Bonnie Sibert, a representative for the Nebraska Department of Education.

## Petition Calls For Sioux City Mayor To Resign

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — An online petition is demanding that the mayor of Sioux City resign over his role in replacing the Argosy riverboat casino with a Hard Rock-branded facility.

The petition at Change.org questions the impartiality of Mayor Bob Scott and other city officials during the selection of a land-based casino to replace the riverboat property, the *Sioux City Journal* reported.

The petition comes as Penn National Gaming Co., which owns the Argosy casino, increased criticism of a gambling license being awarded last month to Sioux City Entertainment for a Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Penn released emails from 2012 that shows private conversations between city officials and Sioux City Entertainment officials. They were obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Scott said he has no plans to resign.

"This is all about they're upset. They somehow think I'm the guy that engineered them being gone," Scott told the newspaper. "They need to blame somebody, and I guess I'm the likely guy, so I guess I'll have to accept that."

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission awarded the gambling license to Sioux City Entertainment over other applicants, including two proposals from Penn. A Penn spokeswoman said the company is not involved in the petition, which was launched this week by Barry Beck, of Jefferson, S.D. Beck said he is not an Argosy employee.

"I think he needs to come clean as to what his agenda was," Beck said of Scott. "It's a hidden agenda, and it's not appropriate for the mayor to act that way."

The petition had more than 100 supporters as of Thursday.

# Sioux Falls Debates Fed Aid For Storm Recovery

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls officials are debating whether the city should accept federal money to help with recovery from an ice and snow storm last month, when other disaster-stricken areas might need the money more.

The city has more than \$40 million in reserves, and other parts of the country, such as tornado-devastated Moore, Okla., are facing much bigger problems, City Councilman Kermit Staggers said.

"We're wanting the money when (we) can take care of ourselves?" he said. "Just because you can get the money doesn't mean you should take the money."

The three-day storm that began April 9 dumped 2 feet of snow on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and an ice storm knocked out electricity to more than 115,000 people in the Sioux Falls region. Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency are in South Dakota this week determining what storm costs are eligible for reimbursement, the *Argus Leader* reported.

Preliminary estimates show the storm

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caused at least \$11 million in damages to public and private nonprofit property. Officials estimate the tornado damage in Moore, where 24 people died, could top \$2 billion.

Sioux Falls City Councilwoman Michelle Erpenbach said federal money is tax money, and she thinks the city deserves it.

"I think we should be looking at all our resources and using our resources as wisely as possible," she said. "For me ... I want my federal taxes used in ways like this, and absolutely I want them used for Oklahoma as well, but I don't think our taking our fair share is going to take anything away from Oklahoma."

# Nebraska Tax Reform Measure Headed To Final Vote

**BY GRANT SCHULTE**

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A Nebraska tax measure that could benefit high-tech start-up companies and uninsured medical patients is headed to a final vote in the Legislature after winning second-round approval on Thursday.

The bill would repeal Nebraska's alternative minimum tax and allow businesses to spread financial losses over a 20-year period to reduce their state tax burden. It also could help Gov. Dave Heineman's push to improve the state's national tax ranking.

Nebraska is one of nine states that still impose the alternative

minimum tax, which was created to ensure that residents who use tax shelters pay at least something. But tax experts say the need was largely eliminated with a 1986 federal law that took away many of those shelters.

The bill's lead sponsor, Sen. Paul Schumacher of Columbus, said the alternative minimum tax hurts residents with high medical bills, mortgages and other tax-deductible expenses.

Schumacher introduced a bill this year that led to the creation of a statewide tax study, which has put a hold on a number of other tax-related proposals. But he argued that the alternative minimum tax would likely get

eliminated after the tax study, which seeks to make Nebraska's tax system simpler and more equitable.

"If you apply the standards of the tax study, this one jumps out as one that shouldn't be there," Schumacher said. "It's not competitive. It's not simple. It's a small amount of money involved, relative to the state budget."

The bill also would expand an existing tax law that lets businesses claim losses in their tax filings over a five-year period. The original bill was introduced by Sen. Bob Krist, of Omaha, to give start-up companies additional breathing room.

Allowing companies to spread

their losses over 20 years, as with federal law, would help start-up firms that often endure financial losses for years before taking off, said John Cederberg, a certified public accountant in Lincoln.

The measure may not be enough by itself to attract new businesses, but it will make it easier for those that have high research and programming costs, said Cederberg, who helped research the bill.

Cederberg said the proposal would also likely cause a jump in how the state is ranked by the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation.

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Freeman said. "After that, they can choose to become a paramedic, which is either a one or two-year program."

She decided to go beyond both of these programs and become a critical care paramedic.

"This is a level above a paramedic, but not quite a flight paramedic," Freeman said. "You learn a lot more details and a lot more about difficult cases than other paramedics will."

She added that every month, paramedics for Yankton County have training nights and every two years, paramedics must be re-certified statewide and nationally, requiring more than 150 hours of training and coursework.

EMS members in the area have been raising awareness about the importance of paramedics during EMS week, which is from May 19-25.

As part of the events this week, officials gave away lifejack-

ets for children, held water safety classes and hosted an AED clinic for community members and businesses in the area.

They will also honor an EMS member with the Harold Weiland Award next week.

"Harold Weiland was an EMT here that passed away several years ago, and his wife wanted to do something to honor him," Freeman said. "Someone from the service will be nominated for going beyond their duty. The winner will receive a plaque and a first aid bag for their car."

Freeman said she enjoys a lot about being an EMT, but especially likes not having to work a desk job.

"I like the freedom of being an EMT," she said. "I love my job and don't ever want to do anything else. Although I have some freedom, there is a lot of multi-tasking, having to think on your feet, needing to be responsible and quickly assessing situations."

Freeman has worked in Yankton for the last six years, but has worked as a medic for a total of 12 years.

She said the job can be stressful, especially with the long shifts

she is required to work.

"I'll work a 12-hour shift at the station, and then go home for another 24-hour on-call shift," Freeman said. "After that, I'll come back to the station, so you're really on for 48 hours."

She added that sometimes paramedics could be running on calls during their entire shift.

"With summer coming, it will get even more busy," Freeman said. "Some days we'll only run a few calls, others can run five or more in a shift. If we have to make a transfer to Sioux Falls, that will take four hours, too."

She said the adrenaline kicks in when a call comes in.

"If we're at the station, we will hear a tone (of radio dispatchers) telling us what the call is, the address and some details about what is going on. Sometimes as we get going, they'll be able to give us more information if they have any," Freeman said. "If it's an accident, we'll get pre-arrival instructions from the fire department, including where to park, what's going on and how many victims their are."

Freeman added that when paramedics arrive on an in-house

call, they'll find out why they called, what's going on and go from there.

"There are protocols we follow for chest pain to be able to get the person care before we arrive at the emergency room," she said. "With a heart attack, if you call the ambulance, we can give you drugs, an EKG (and transmit that to the ER), start an IV and draw blood. The minute you arrive in the ER, they have a care plan for you so it's not delayed at all."

Freeman said she hopes more people call 911 when they feel as if something is not quite right, rather than drive themselves to the emergency room.

"The first few hours of a stroke or heart attack we can give life-saving drugs," she said. "If you don't call and decide to drive yourself to the ER, you'll be out of the realm to get medications. I wish a lot of people knew that we don't just drive to the ER — we start your care, meaning less time in the ER and a faster recovery."

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## OBITUARIES

### Noel Raysby

Funeral services for Noel Raysby, 81 of Tyndall will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon, with burial in the Trinity Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be Friday from 5-6 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon, with family present.



Raysby

Noel Raysby was born before his twin brother Neil to Paul C. and Louise (Ritter) Raysby on January 17, 1932. Noel passed away peacefully on May 22, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD. When the twins were born their older brothers Lawrence, Gordon and Thorwald kept the wood stove stocked throughout the night to keep the new additions to the family warm on the 20 below zero winter night. Noel grew up with his family on a farm South of Avon and attended Trumbo Country School District #51 through the eighth grade. Although health issues kept Noel from serving his country, he was very patriotic and had great respect for our veterans. Noel married Mary Anne Merkwan on November 3, 1958 in Dante. Seven children were born to their union, Nyla, Barbara, Helen, Diane, Dale,

Lloyd and Kathleen.

Noel loved the farm life and growing up along Choteau Creek. He remembered when his dad farmed with horses and then bought a new F30 Farmall. Noel was most proud when he had 100 head of stock cows, and farmed until he retired in 1998. He then worked part time for his son Lloyd. Noel had a passion for Farmall tractors, Harley Davidson motorcycles and horses. He and Mary enjoyed taking many short trips on their Harley. He always said that the cell phone was one of the greatest inventions, as he was able to keep in touch with his family with it. Noel was very proud of his large family and loved watching his children and grandchildren grow up. In 2009, Noel spent six months living in Georgia with his daughter and son-in-law and enjoyed talking about the tall trees, beautiful weather, the fact that there was no wind and riding his 3 wheel bike.

Noel is survived by his wife of 55 years and their children: Nyla of Avon; Barbara and Mark Marty of Omaha, NE; Helen and Paul Bailey of Norfolk NE; Diane and Terry Romkema of Avon; Dale and Vickie Raysby of Springfield; Lloyd and Susan Raysby of Avon; and Kathleen and Troy Abbott of Hernando, MS; and a special cat named Yellow.

The extended family includes 12 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; his twin brother Neil and wife Darlene of Geddes;

sister Zona Robsahm and husband Leon of Sioux Falls; and three sisters-in-law: Neva Raysby of Avon, Lois Raysby of Tyndall and Cora Raysby of Avon.

Noel was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Paul and Marie Merkwan and three brothers: Lawrence, Gordon and Thorwald "Shorty".

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### Donald 'Buck' Deters

Donald E. "Buck" Deters, 87, of Tonopah, Ariz., and formerly of Olivet, died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at his residence.

Funeral services are pending with the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno.

### Marie Woehl

Marie J. Woehl, 77, of Menno died Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Peace Christian Reformed Church, Menno, with the Rev. Joseph Brinks officiating. Burial will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland, at approximately 11:15 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Visitations is 5-8 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, and then one hour prior to the service at the church.

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Thursday, May 30 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 24

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