

Politicians stop by local NRA banquet

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Several politicians attended the Northeast Missouri Friends of National Rifle Association organization banquet Saturday at the NEMO Fairgrounds.

U.S. Sen. Jim Talent, who is running for re-election to the U.S. Senate, stayed briefly at the event, committee chairman Raymond Sweet said. Missouri State Rep. Bob Behnen, R-Kirkville, attended the full event.

Because politicians are prohibited from speaking at charitable events by law, Talent spoke at the courthouse after the banquet about the economy of Missouri, concerns of Truman students and the upcoming election, according to a KTRM news broadcast.

"Well, probably the No. 1 [problem for Truman students] is, I mean, let's face it, the cost of higher education," Talent said. "... Now, this is a great school, and they've fought to keep the cost down here."

Talent said he has worked to decrease the cost of higher education by directing federal funding to Mis-

souri colleges, increasing Federal Pell grants and increasing tuition tax reductions and permanent education IRAs.

About 250 people attended the sixth annual NRA fundraiser, which raised more than \$20,000, Raymond Sweet said.

The money raised will help youth groups such as Boy Scouts, 4-H and Future Farmers of America. Tickets cost \$20 and included dinner.

In addition to money donations, sophomore Samantha Sweet said local businesses donated items such as guns, wildlife prints by popular artists and items with the NRA logo for the silent auction.

Raymond Sweet said anyone can start a Friends of the NRA organization in their town, and additional information about the NRA foundation can be accessed on its Web site nrafoundation.com.

Samantha Sweet said she saw both Talent and Behnen, but she didn't get the opportunity to speak with them.

"I think they can show issues they support by coming to these events," she said.



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Sen. Jim Talent attended an event of the Northeast Missouri Friends of National Rifle Association Saturday at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Talent spoke at the courthouse after the banquet to a crowd of about 250, including local residents and students. Missouri State Rep. Bob Behnen, R-Kirkville, also attended the event.

Realtors implement party clause

Fine print establishes limits on some tenants' 'loud parties' or disruptive music

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Some off-campus students are finding themselves caught between parties and contractual obligation.

A few Kirkville area apartment and home realtors have incorporated a "no party" clause within their housing contracts, much to the dismay of some socially active students.

For others, the clause almost is expected.

"I don't think it's surprising, living in a college town," sophomore Samantha Puthoff said. She lives off campus and leases from Wagner Enterprises. "My house isn't near big enough for a party anyway."

Express Publishing Co., a privately owned and operated realty comprised of 35 units, uses a lease which prohibits "loud parties or music loud enough to dis-

turb neighbors."

"We started renting in the early '70s, and [the "no party" clause] has been there ever since," said Tony Swain, co-owner and manager of Express Publishing. "Despite the fact that it's in there, [some tenants] do it anyway."

Swain said both parties and the damage associated with them continue to plague his facility.

"I've replaced doors that have been kicked in, screens that have been pushed out," he said.

Consequences vary according to violation.

However, some violations result in eviction.

"I try to be real fair with the kids," Swain said.

Doug Porter, owner of Four Horizons Realty, said renters should use common sense and respectful discretion when large groups of people are involved.

"Fifteen years ago, we had an incident that hurt 18 people," Porter said. "We had a deck collapse. Fifty-two kids on a 10-by-12 deck, and it just sheared off. The police saw it. They were underage, and they had kegs of beer. We were sued."

However, Porter didn't incorporate a clause restricting parties in Four Horizons Realty's nearly 300 rental units.

He said he sees that University students are more apt to read their leases than other area residents.

"A lot of the people we rent to that are actual local people will come in [and say] 'Where do I sign?'" Porter said. "They know we use a standard lease."

Four Horizons Realty uses a Missouri Association of Realtors lease, which is a state-standardized document meant to make things easy for realtors and renters.

Nearly all Missouri state realtors use the document except in special instances, Porter said.

The five-page state standardized lease avoids any explicit restrictions against large gatherings, but contains applicable provisions.

A tenant must "quietly and peaceably hold" the apartment or home they rent, according to section 11 of the Missouri housing agreement.

Traditionally, it is this type of language that prohibits unruly gatherings, limiting noise levels for the neighbors' benefit.

"I'm probably going to start putting [the "no party" clause] in writing," said Carol Kilmer, broker associate of Action Properties LLC, who has not traditionally used language specifically restricting parties on her properties.

Her privately owned realty also uses the Missouri Association of Realtors lease.

Kilmer said this usually prevents the use of musical instruments and power tools. The document also prohibits waterbeds.

She said that landlords can take leases

off the Internet or even buy them at Wal-Mart.

A simple Google search serves up several Web sites that offer easy-to-use, streamlined leases.

Some realtors say they haven't had problems with parties.

"We haven't had any loud beer-bashing parties," said Kelli Nigh, conflict manager for Vista Heights Apartments. "For the last three years we've never had a problem. I've never had anyone complain."

Regulations regarding parties at Vista Heights Apartments echo those of Action Properties LLC.

Nigh said that as long as a party does not spill into the yard and is not excessively loud, no problem exists.

When problems warrant stricter leases, Swain said he has an idea for a solution.

"Somebody needs to come up with a book of what's expected," Swain said. "Everybody who's in the rental business could use something like that. Some people shower with the shower curtain outside the tub. Some people just don't know."

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9 to 12 p.m. — Metal James Ginns

Tuesday
6 to 8 p.m. — Format Review with Harry Burson
8 to 10 p.m. — Rock 'n Roll Museum with Ash Young
10 p.m. to 12 a.m. — Punk and Ska with Daniel Curtis
12 to 2 a.m. — Harry's Old Timey Country/Western

Wednesday
9 to 11 p.m. — NEMO's Only Locally Produced Oldies Show with the Skipper
11 p.m. to 2 a.m. — All-Request with Katie & Julia

Thursday
7 to 9 p.m. — House Party (Techno/Dance) with Marisa
9 to 12 p.m. — Indie and Emo with John Pecher
12 to 2 a.m. — 80s with Ryan Dalton

Friday
6 to 9 p.m. — Nick's Friday Night Free-For-All
9 to 2 p.m. — Dirty Business (Women in Rock) w/ Jess
12 to 2 a.m. — Showtunes with Josh Hobold

Saturday
6 to 9 p.m. — Hip-Hop and R&B with Bryan Austin
9 p.m. to 12 a.m. — West of the Indies with Ben Dansby
12 to 2 a.m. — Blues with Leah Guerero

Sunday
3 to 5 p.m. — BackTalk with Ash, Bob & the Skipper
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