

Incumbent runs for another term

By Veronica Monier

Rep. John Faber says he thinks he does what's right for the 120th District in the state's House of Representatives.

So far, voters must agree, since he's held the seat for 10 years now, and is finishing his fifth two-year term.

"I represent the constituency," he said. "I bring as much back from the eastern part of the state that I can."

Rep. Faber is the vice chairman of the Transportation Committee and the joint Information Technology Committee and serves on the Education, Agriculture, Insurance and joint Legislative Educational Planning committees.

He said he's been on the Agriculture Committee for 10 years and the Education Committee for eight.

Rep. Faber said if re-elected, he plans to focus on the same issues that he has been, those that deal with keeping western Kansas populated and functioning.

For him, he said, school finance is a fairness issue. Rural schools need support just like those in the cities do.

"We need to make sure schools are properly funded out here in western Kansas," he said.

He said it's important to keep low-enrollment weighting, which gives extra money to small schools, in the state finance formula. It's also important to not put a lot of burden on local property taxes, he said.

"The state needs to fund every district equitably," he said.

He said state parks are important,



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but the Department of Wildlife and Parks needs to work within its budget. Secretary Mike Hayden has asked for a \$5-a-year tax on all vehicle registrations to boost the park fund.

The department should be focusing on the land they have, rather than trying to buy more private land, Mr. Faber said.

"They need to take care of what they have," he said.

Tax cuts, he added, are something he always looks for.

"We need to attract more business so we can put more people to work," he said. "Western Kansas has abundant water and a very good work force, which is a good draw for new business."

Rep. Faber said tax breaks might be a way to get the people raised in western Kansas to come back and raise their families, boosting the enrollment base for schools.

A Rawlins County farmer and rancher, Rep. Faber and his wife Renee live on their farm in the southwest corner of the county. Their address is out of Brewster, and he's a former member of the Brewster School Board.

The district covers Norton, Decatur, Phillips, Cheyenne and Rawlins counties.

Rep. Faber will be facing Democrat Bob Strevey of Norcatur for the third time in six years in the November general election, but remains unopposed in the Aug. 1 primary. The last two times, he's beaten his Republican opponent.

"I've always been a common-sense conservative," he said. "I think I reflect the district I live in."

"When people vote for me, they're voting for experience. I know the ropes and can get the job done for us out here."

Norcatur man runs for state House of Reps

By Kimberly Davis

A Norcatur man wants another rematch for the 120th District seat in the state House of Representatives.

Democrat Bob Strevey ran against the incumbent, Rep. John Faber of Brewster, two years ago and four years ago, losing both races to the Republican. He said he tried to get someone else to run this time, but no one was interested.

There are lots of capable people who hold this position. Mr. Strevey said he isn't saying Mr. Faber isn't one of them, but having two candidates for an office is supposed to be part of the process.

The party system works better too, he said, when there is someone from both main parties running. If there is only one person running for re-election then the process doesn't work.

"The third time's a charm," said Mr. Strevey, a Norcatur farmer, former teacher and retired Army Reserve officer, with a smile.

He said he visited with his opponent recently and they are friendly and open with each other. Mr. Strevey said they can debate each other in a friendly way.

He said there are five issues he feels passionate about, in no particular order.

- The state needs to support state lakes and parks, he said. The lake in Norton, with its state park and state wildlife area, is short on money and it doesn't seem that the facility has legislative support at all to help keep it going.

- Rep. Faber, said Mr. Strevey, voted for the private prisons bill. A former employee at the prison in Norton, Mr. Strevey said he opposes the private prisons bill. This was a provision to a bill for stricter rules for sex offenders. There are a lot of jobs connected with the prison in Norton, he said, and if the state goes to private prisons, then those jobs go away.

- On school finance, said Mr. Strevey, the state Supreme Court should only serve as a referee.

The court overstepped its bounds when it said how much money should be spent on the schools, he said. The legislators responded with more money and now the court needs to back off, he said.

The court needs to give the process some time to work, Mr. Strevey

added, saying that he doesn't favor punishing the court in any way.

- Mr. Strevey said he is unhappy that the state is borrowing huge sums of money, piling up the state debt. The Republican party continues to push for tax cuts, he said, and that is putting a tremendous burden on grandkids. This needs to stop.

The last tax cuts were for businesses buying machinery or buildings. Part of the reason this wasn't in the best interest of the state is that most of that money was then going to urban areas.

He said he has talked with the commissioners in his district, and they have said that the counties are constantly losing money because of something the state does. The counties are being squeezed, he said. This is just a precursor to the state government saying that counties aren't doing the job and so they need to consolidate, which isn't a good idea.

- Economic development, said Mr. Strevey, is important. Progress is being made across the district, he said. As the representative for this area, Mr. Strevey said, he can help with economic development, especially when a prospect needs a multi-county approach.

A good representative, he said, could be a good facilitator for economic development.

Mr. Strevey was born on a farm near Norcatur and has lived south of Norcatur all his life. He taught fifth through eighth grade for 31 years.

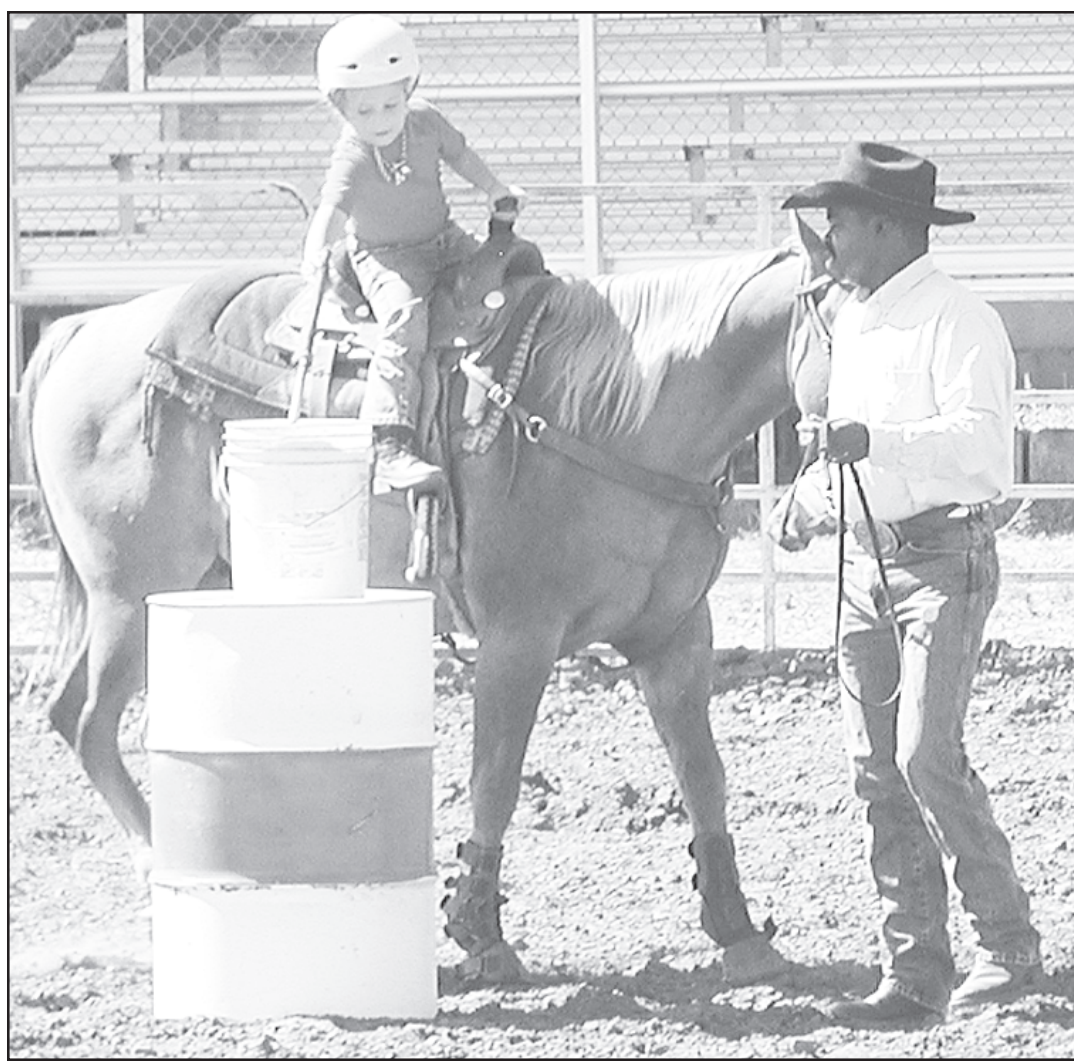
He and his wife Kay have three daughters. Trudi, who is married to John McCollum, lives in Missouri and has a daughter Elyssa. Wendy, married to Lauren Tien, lives in Andover and has a daughter Ivalea. Hollie is married to Justen Ricke, and they have a son Jared.

Mr. Strevey now has a farm and grows field corn, wheat, milo and has cattle.

He is a director of the U.S. 36 Highway Association, president of the Norcatur Citizens Alliance, and a member of the Norcatur United Methodist Church and the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. board.

Although he and Rep. Faber differ on economic issues, he said, they usually agree on social issues. Both are pro-life, said Mr. Strevey, and both are against gay marriage.

Mr. Strevey said he thinks it will be a close race this time, though it has been a long time since a Democrat has sat in that seat. The candidate said he gained 900 votes between 2002 and 2004, and if he gains 900 again, the outcome could be different.



ONE MORE TIME — Audrey Meyer had a little trouble getting the flag to stay in the bucket. Before her ride was over, she as a little 'out of sorts,' and told Freddy Mosely to just put it in!

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

ADDRESSES

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dress. The post office will no longer assign a rural mailing address.

If there are questions, contact the appraiser's office at 785-332-8830.

Why new addresses?

Some people are wondering why new addresses are even needed.

Sheriff Troy Gardner, in an early article printed in the newspapers, said parcel delivery services will now be allowed where rural route addresses were not previously recognized by the delivery companies. This will also bring election procedures up to par.

Postal boxes are not recognized as legitimate addresses for voting. Therefore, a physical address is required to legally vote.

The new addresses will also greatly benefit emergency service response. "It is very difficult for a dispatcher to send services to a postal box," Sheriff Gardner said.

The new addressing scheme will allow emergency responders to pinpoint exactly where they need to respond. By simply knowing the address, responders will know: what road the address is located on, what the cross roads are, on what side of the road the residence is located, and how far the residence is located from the nearest cross road.

The new addressing scheme is re-

quired in order to facilitate the grant process for obtaining state/federal funding for Enhanced 911. Under Enhanced 911, the address from which someone is calling is displayed to the dispatcher. This is very important for situations where the 911 caller

is unable to give directions to their location.

"We understand that changing your mailing address is a big change, but the benefits of physical addresses will be worth it in the long run," said Deb Smith, appraiser.

MUSICAL

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National Bank. Dinner will be served only to those purchasing tickets in advance and dinner guests will also have reserved seating in the auditorium. Tickets for the musical only will also be available at the door the night of the performance. For information on prices, check the advertisement in this week's issue.

All proceeds from the dinner and musical will be donated to four music students who will be performing with the Kansas Ambassadors of Music as they travel in Europe next summer. The four students who will be singing or playing with the Ambassadors are Mac Frewen, senior, and Andrea Born, Katelyn Jones and Lauren Zweggardt, all juniors.

The *Headless Horseman* is adapted by Vera Morris, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. It is produced by special arrangement

with Pioneer Drama Service, Engelwood, Colo.

RIDE

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hopefully better weather."

Mrs. Olofson, who is also in charge of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fund, reported, as of Monday \$315 had been collected from riders and more was expected. The money will go to help the hospital.

The next Cheyenne County Trail Ride will tentatively be held the second weekend in October with the time and place to be announced later.

Coordinators for the ride were Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Olofson and Gail Yonkey.

Members travel to Hawaii

Palm trees... Sea shells and sand shovels... Lovely ladies in grass skirts... Beautiful music that made them all want to sway... Additional gorgeous decorations were everywhere and the Classy Classics Red Hatters of St. Francis were suddenly transported to the Hawaiian Islands for lunch!

The Christian Church fellowship hall was transformed into a luau on Sept. 23. Laura Pugh provided the inspiration and decorations for the tables and the menu. Everything was decorated beautifully to enhance the colorful and joyful island theme. Several ladies served the meal perfectly for the ladies' enjoyment - the delicious chicken salad was even served on banana leaves. Tropical punch, salads, and desserts completed the menu. The sherbet dessert was served in Laura's personal collection of footed green Depression Glass dishes.

Each of the 30 ladies present received leis to wear during the meal and the entertainment. The Red Hatters were privileged to hear Althea Lebow sing several Hawaiian songs including "Little Grass Shack," and "Tiny Bubbles." Margaret Poling shared a Christian song. The ladies really enjoyed hearing the singers.

The Red Hatter ladies departed with warm hearts and happy memories of having been to Hawaii - right in St. Francis. The Red Hatters appreciated Laura and her committee for her wonderful ideas and for all their service to make the day so memorable.

Kids in church and other precious quotes

- 3-year-old, Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name." "Amen"

- A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

- A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

- After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

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