

Senate spending slows down after hot primary

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The battle to fill the 40th Senate District seat, which came open after the death of the incumbent in a dust storm in May, was furious up to the primary election. Contributions topped \$102,407 for all three candidates.

Since then, though, things have settled down some, with each candidate raising about the same amount before the final weeks.

Contribution reports filed Monday in the candidate's home counties show that since the primary, Republican Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell, has raised \$13,045 since the last report July 23 while Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument had \$13,894.

Dan Rasure of Goodland, no longer in the race, raised \$15,150 between the last report and the primary on Aug. 3. This brought his total contributions to the campaign up to \$67,749. His latest report for spending showed a balance of \$13.99 and expenditures of \$17,417.12.

Ostmeyer's total contributions for the campaign were \$39,681 with spending of \$28,275. He had a cash balance of \$11,406 as of Monday.

Ostmeyer reported contributions from business groups and political action committees.

Contributions of \$1,000 were received from Southwest Pro Home of Wichita, Praire Bank Potawatomini Nation, the Kansas Republi-

can Senatorial Committee and Kansas Farm Bureau Vote Fund.

Other contributions of note were \$800 from the Boeing Company, Wichita, \$250 Raytheon Aircraft Holdings, Wichita, \$250 Kansas Agri Business Council, Topeka, \$250 Pfizer Inc, Overland Park, \$250 Koch Industries, Wichita, \$250 Occidental Oil and Gas, Sacramento, Calif., \$250 Kansas Motor Carriers Truck political action committee, Topeka, \$250 Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry political action committee, Topeka, \$250 El Paso Energy Service, Houston, \$250 Kansas Medical Society political action committee, Topeka, \$250 Blue Cross Blue Schield of Kansas, Topeka, \$500

Kansas Livestock Association political action committee, Topeka, \$250 Sprint State political action committee, Topeka, \$250 Kansas Hospital Association political action committee, Topeka, \$500 Kansas Chiropractic Association, Topeka, \$350 Kansas Insurance Agents political action committee, Topeka, \$500 National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund, Fairfax, Va., \$500, Kansas Contractors Association political action committee, Topeka, \$500 Pioneer Communications, Ulysses, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Topeka, \$250 Harrah's Entertainment, Las Vegas and \$500 SBC Kansas, Topeka.

Peterson reported a balance of

\$1,168 as of Monday.

Peterson's largest contributions came from Kristine Polansky, a Topeka lawyer, \$2,000, First District Democrats \$500, Kansas National Education Association political action committee \$1,000, Laverne Youngquist, Rock Island, Ill. \$1,100, Stephen J. Irsik Jr., Ingalls, \$1,000, and Billie Flora, Quinter, \$250.

Peterson listed 83 contributors for an average of \$190 per person, and Ostmeyer listed 72 contributors for an average of \$236 per person.

Both candidates are putting final pushes on this weekend, and say they expect a good turnout on Tuesday.

In the final days of the primary

campaign Rasure received \$1,000 from Pioneer CV, Oakley, Keller RV, Oakley, Kansas Livestock Association political action committee, First National Bancshares of Goodland, Brenda McCants of Goodland, and Pioneer Communications of Ulysses.

Contributions of \$500 to Rasure were received from Phil Ruffin, Wichita, Warren and Carol Weibert, Oberlin, Upland Park, L.C., Long Island, Steven Cox Associates, Long Island, Cynthia Strnad of Goodland, Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association, Eureka, Responsible Republicans of Kansas, Shawnee Mission, Christopher Goebel, Wichita and Kansas Racing, Kansas City, Kan.

Court decides to bind woman over for trial on three murder counts

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Eckhardt said she was dialing 911 even before the vehicle stopped rolling and got ahold of the Thomas County dispatch, which transferred her call to Sherman County.

Although she could not positively identify the driver as Adams, Eckhardt testified there was only one person in the car and once it passed her, she knew the driver was a woman.

The next witness was Master Trooper Terry Stithem of Wa-Keeney, an 18-year veteran of the Kansas Highway Patrol. He testified that he stopped Adams twice for speeding within a 30-minute period along the same stretch of the Interstate, between mile-markers 124 and 118 a few miles west of WaKeeney. After she was stopped the first time, he said, she went back to get gas and then headed west again.

Stithem said the first time he stopped Adams, he clocked her at 96 mph, and the second time it was 104. He said he wrote her tickets both times and asked the dispatcher to notify officers to the west to watch for her, since it appeared she was not taking the speed limit seriously.

Trooper Troy Smith of Goodland was the next witness. He said when he arrived at the accident, he talked briefly with Adams, telling her to stay with her vehicle, before going to check on the other victims. He said that ambulance and rescue crews were already on the job.

Later, when he returned to Adams, he said, he asked her if she objected to a search of her car. Smith said she said no, and during

the search, he found an opened bottle of Smiroff Vodka in front of the passenger seat and an unopened bottle of beer in a cooler behind the driver's seat.

The next witness, Trooper Joe Greene of Goodland, said when he arrived, Smith asked him to start taking pictures. Later, Greene said, he talked with Adams, who said she was not injured but was shaken. He said she agreed to take a breath alcohol field test, which she failed, and was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence.

Adams was taken to the Sherman County Bastille, Greene said, where other tests pegged her blood alcohol content at .265 percent, more than three times the legal limit of .08.

The last witness was detention officer Barbara Disney, who said Adams was upset and crying at the jail. After going through the booking process, Disney said, she was placed in the holding cell. There, Disney said, she became unruly, banging on the cell door and yelling, demanding she be allowed to

call her parents.

Disney said they put Adams on suicide watch since she admitted to trying to kill herself "several times" during her medical history questioning. She also told them she was taking medication for both depression and anxiety, the jailer said.

Although most of the evidence was admitted, some was not. During the inventory of Adams' car, troopers found a sales receipt from Mead's Retail Liquor in McPherson dated June 11. Since the receipt did not indicate what was purchased, the judge ruled it could not be ad-

mitted.

Later, during a warrant search of the car, documents were found allegedly pertaining to the past treatment of Adams for drug and alcohol addiction. The judge sided with the defense, saying the documents, as is, were hearsay and not admissible.

In the prosecution's closing statement, Showalter said the evidence the state had presented met all the conditions to support the charges, including second-degree murder, which requires a showing of reckless action with extreme indiffer-

ence to human life. In his closing statement, McHugh said drinking and driving alone did not establish "depraved indifference" and that involuntary manslaughter was the proper charge for the first three counts.

In making his decision to bind the defendant over on the murder charges, Judge Burr cited the high

blood alcohol content, the fact Adams was stopped twice less than two hours before the accident and her apparent lack of control while driving.

The trial date will be set after the defense decides whether it will file an appeal of Judge Burr's decision to go ahead with second-degree murder charges.

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something that's another thing, he said.

Intrusion used to come from door-to-door salesmen, McCullough said. When Mary was working nights at the hospital, he said, she got home in the morning, and a Kirby salesman showed up at the door. The salesman wanted to demonstrate how the vacuum cleaner worked, McCullough said; Mary said, "You go right ahead; I'm going to bed."

And the salesman walked off in a huff.

The doctor has at least two weeks before he moves to the quiet life. He has stopped seeing patients in his private practice, and today is his last day as health officer and medical consultant at the Sherman County Health Department and advisor at the Good Samaritan Center.

McCullough has donated his office equipment to Project CURE, an organization that collects medical supplies and equipment for third-world countries.

McCullough said he donated three examining tables and equipment worth \$40,000 to the organization, along with all the medicines he had that would not expire for six months.

The stuff is worth thousands, he said, but to the people it is going, it may as well be worth millions. They couldn't afford it if it wasn't donated.

Now, McCullough is getting the house ready to sell, turning examining rooms into bedrooms, painting, replacing moldings and so forth.

He said he doesn't have a set day to leave and hasn't bought a house out east. Most of the furniture is in storage with the kids, he said; they will be back in two weeks. He said then he will have a better idea when the move will happen.

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