

Incumbent carries vote in primary

Rep. John Faber moves on to the general election

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

In a repeat of their race two years ago, voters backed incumbent John Faber in the 120th District for the state House of Representatives with 3,404 votes to 2,375 for challenger Doug Sebelius of Norton.

Two years ago, Rep. Faber won a much closer race with 2,160 to 2,002, a margin of just 158 votes. This year his margin was 1,029.

As he did two years ago, Rep. Faber will face Democrat Bob Strevey of Norcatatur in the general election.

Rep. Faber received 444 votes in Decatur County, 646 in Cheyenne, 699 in Rawlins, 779 in Norton and 836 in Phillips. Mr. Sebelius failed to carry a single county, with 301 votes in Decatur, 250 in Cheyenne, 389 in Rawlins, 673 in Norton and 762 in Phillips.

Reached at home Tuesday night, neither man had heard the final tally for the election.

Rep. Faber said he felt great about the election. He said he was humbled and honored to win the primary.

Next he will meet Mr. Strevey, who he said he has a lot of respect for. With the contentious turn the election took, he said, he hopes the



John Faber

House Vote

Here are the final unofficial results of the 120th District race on the Republican ballot for state representative:

120th District Total	
• John Faber, Brewster	3,404
• Doug Sebelius, Norton	2,375
Decatur County	
• Faber	444
• Sebelius	301
Cheyenne County	
• Faber	646
• Sebelius	250
Rawlins County	
• Faber	699
• Sebelius	389
Norton County	
• Faber	779
• Sebelius	673
Phillips County	
• Faber	836
• Sebelius	762

Republican party can come together and put this behind him as the nominee.

If elected to another term, he said, he would like to get more money for education and bring money back to the small school districts. It will be a real challenge, he said.

He said opening the school finance formula scares him because

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ON ELECTION DAY, Joyce Hartzog helped a voter check in at the Decatur County Courthouse polling place. It was around 11 a.m. and the courthouse had around 100 voters so far.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Latecomer wins senate primary

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

It was a nail-biting night for the Republican candidates for Kansas' 40th District Senate seat but, in the end, the veteran lawmaker Ralph Ostmeier beat the rookie Dan Rasure by a little over 1,100 votes.

As the precincts came, in the vote swung back and forth between Mr. Ostmeier, a state representative from Grinnell, and Mr. Rasure, a fresh new face from Goodland.

Mr. Rasure had thrown his hat in

the ring early in an attempt to unseat incumbent Sen. Stan Clark. However, on May 29 the senator was killed in a car wreck on I-70.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Ostmeier, considered a conservative like Mr. Clark, announced he would run for the Republican nomination against Mr. Rasure.

Sen. Clark's widow, Ruth, was named to fill his vacant seat, although she did not plan to run election. In the last weeks of the

race, she gave her support to Mr. Ostmeier and helped with his campaign.

Both men campaigned extensively, crossing and recrossing the 18-county district. Mr. Rasure, in campaign finance reports filed in late July, had the larger war chest and apparently outspent his opponent more the 2-1. He raised most of his money in the district, but put more than \$22,000 in personal funds into the race.

Mr. Rasure, 22, called for a new way of doing things, pointing out that the population of western Kan-

sas continues to shrink, the schools continue to close and property taxes keep going up.

Mr. Ostmeier, 61, pointed out his four years of experience as a member of the state House of Representatives, plus time a Gove County commissioner and a school board member.

When the votes were counted Tuesday night, Mr. Ostmeier had 8,553 to Mr. Rasure's 7,385.

Mr. Rasure beat his opponent in Decatur County 444 to 296 and also took victories in Cheyenne, (See SENATE on Page 10A)



R. Ostmeier

Folks are ready to enjoy county fair as midway heats up

Fair week is here!

Time for rides, shows, cotton candy, pork burgers, though to many, it means the summer is coming to a quick end. Kids will be back in school before they know it, but there still is time to have some fun.

Pre-fair events actually started last Tuesday with the clothing construction, buymanship and fashion revue.

Traditionally, that is the first event of the Decatur County Fair and this year is no different.

Then on Saturday, the horse show was held.

Tuesday was the day to get all the exhibits to the correct buildings and also time for the 4-H auction. The carnival opened to the public for the first time this year and kids had the chance to ride sheep in front of the grandstand.

This morning, things will kick off at 8 a.m. with the bucket calf show,

then at 9 a.m. there will be the dairy/beef show, at 5 p.m.; the sheep show, at 5:30 p.m.; the kids' tractor pull and at 7:30 p.m. the Bridges Band concert.

Starting off at 9 a.m. on Thursday is the swine show; at 11 a.m., the media interviews with winners; 4:30 p.m. the senior and intermediate round robin; at 6:30 p.m. the livestock auction; and at 7:30 p.m. a local talent show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday is the pet parade at the Good Samaritan Center; at 5:30 p.m., the public fashion revue at The Gateway and at 7 p.m. the Colgate Country Showdown at the grandstand.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, the Oberlin Lions Club will sponsor the annual demolition derby.

The home-owned carnival will open each night at 7 p.m.

Tickets for rides are 25 cents a

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Group focuses on assisted living

By STEVE HAYNES

Everyone seems to think "assisted living" is the hot ticket for senior care, but no one is quite sure how to get into the new "in-between" service — or even exactly what it is.

Members of the Decatur County health planning committee wrestled with the issues of assisted living — where seniors can live independently but shed cares about the lawn and roof — at their monthly meeting last Tuesday.

About a dozen people from the hospital and both nursing homes and clinic form the group, along with the county commissioners, who own all the buildings.

Margee Wilson, chief nursing officer at the Cedar Living Center, said she had surveyed area towns and found that most have some sort

of assisted living facility. The count ranged from nine units in Hill City with two empty to 30 in Norton with 20 empty, but Ms. Wilson noted that the facility there is new. Hoxie has eight units with one empty, and no cooking facilities. Gove County has 10 units in the hospital with three empty.

"All the towns seem to have them," she said, "and there's usually one or two that are empty."

She noted that some of the facilities are more like apartments, with kitchens or cooking facilities, while others have been created by combining two old hospital or nursing rooms. Some do not offer cooking or a shower. Some are in a hospital or nursing home, some are connected, some separate.

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ZIPPING DOWN THE ROAD between Oberlin and Norcatatur, Don Morreale is crossing the country on a scooter to raise money for orphans in India.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Scooter, orphans keep man on U.S. 36

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Scooting down the road at speeds of up to 25 mph — downhill with a tailwind — a Denver man put-putted into town last Tuesday on a motorized scooter.

"It's like a leaf blower on steroids," said Don Morreale as he described the unusual vehicle on which he is riding across the county.

He said the specially made scooter has a 40cc, two-stroke motor and does about 20-22 mph most of the time.

"I use the highest octane gas I can get," Mr. Morreale said, adding that he pre-mixes the gas with oil like most people do for their lawn mowers.

The little vehicle gets about 100 miles per gallon, he estimated. Each day he tries to travel about 70 miles, which takes him five to six hours. That's about all his feet can stand, he said.

This is the second leg of the 50-something Denver real estate salesman's transcontinental trip. The first leg took him from Las Cruces, N.M., on Feb. 15 to San Diego on March 1.

On July 25, he left Byers, Colo., headed east for the second leg.

The first night, he said, he and a friend, who is driving a backup vehicle, camped in Cope, Colo. The second night, they spent at a motel in St. Francis and last Tuesday they stayed at the LandMark Inn. The next day, they set off on U.S. 36 again, hoping to spend the night in Kensington.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Morreale spoke to the Oberlin Rotary Club, explaining why he was undertaking a nearly 2,500 mile journey on a

scooter made by the Mosquito Co. of Salt Lake City.

He said that he had become fascinated by stories of people crossing the continent on odd conveyances — everything from unicycles to a riding lawnmower — and decided he wanted to do so on a scooter. (In fact, there was a guy on a unicycle following him through Colorado.)

His second and biggest reason, he said, is to raise money for orphans in India. He is hoping to raise \$62,500 during the trip. That money will educate a thousand orphans in India for a year, he said.

In 1976, he said, he backpacked through India and was struck by the friendliness of the people.

Near the end of his trip, he said, he visited the Metropolis Restaurant in Old Delhi near the train station. It's one of the few places in India that you can get a steak, he said.

As he left the restaurant, he noticed that all the scraps from diners' plates were thrown in a pile in the alley. The pile was swarming with children, he said.

He realized that these were orphans — children nobody wanted.

Then and there, he said, he promised he would do something for these feral children, but after he got home the memory faded as he went about his daily life.

However, last year a rock-climbing buddy from India was killed in an accident. At his funeral, Mr. Morreale said, his mother asked that instead of flowers, people give money to SOS Children's Villages, a group which builds homes for orphans around the world.

It was then, he said, he remem-

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Late week's rain dampened water use

Water use dropped a little with rain and cool weather last week, with the highest demand at 554,000 gallons last Wednesday, right before it rained again.

The week before, the highest pumped day was Tuesday, July 20, when 798,000 gallons were pumped.

With hot weather in the forecast, though, out-

door use could spike again this week.

City watering restrictions are still in effect. People with odd-numbered addresses can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Those with even addressed can water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. No watering is allowed on Mondays.

Water pumped included:

- 281,000 gallons on Monday, July 26.
- 435,000 gallons on Tuesday, July 27.
- 554,000 gallons last Wednesday.
- 503,000 gallons on Thursday.
- 271,000 gallons on Friday.
- 548,000 gallons on Saturday.
- 507,000 gallons on Sunday.

* Faber wins again

Incumbent takes election

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 Rural areas have fewer and fewer votes in Topeka. Rep. Faber said he feels he is the best person for the job, he has the connections and is a strong voice for western Kansas. Mr. Sebelius, the Norton County Attorney, said he hadn't really paid any attention to the numbers. He said he didn't know if he would run again or not. He said he doesn't think anyone can truthfully know what their plans will be, but he knows he wants to remain in public service. Since he was running for the House seat, he gave up the county attorney's job for the next four years. His law partner, Karen Griffiths is running for the post.

Mr. Sebelius said he is discouraged in the direction politics continues to take. There is an extremely negative approach towards public service, he said. He said his opponent apparently wanted to keep his office at all costs, whether it meant an attempt to destroy someone else's desire for public service. He said he thinks Rep. Faber pandered to people's nature to believe what one person says about another.

He said he has always disliked this part of politics, when an opponent spreads negative information on the other person. Late in the campaign, he said, a survey he filled out for the Kansas Christian Coalition showed up in Norton. In the Friday issue of *The Norton Telegram*, Rep. Faber ran an ad outlining the differences between himself and Mr. Sebelius, giving credit to the coalition. Then in the *Telegram Extra*, a countywide advertising paper, there was an ad by Mr. Sebelius saying his opponent's ad had distorted the truth.

He said he opposes gay marriage, but looking at the survey, a voter might think he doesn't. He said he opposed state government forcing districts to raise property taxes to pay for schools and thinks raising money for schools is the state's job. It also says he is strongly against pornography on the Internet.

Volunteers needed for Scouts

Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council is looking for volunteers to give a few hours a week, one day a month, occasionally or weekly.

Volunteers should work well in a team and have a desire to help the community.

One immediate need is that of volunteers for the membership team to help with a girl and adult marketing plan to include analyzing statistical data and completing community profiles.

Other positions that volunteers could take include trainers, to serve on the board of directors, computer work, leaders, general administrative support and help with delivering programs for girls in northwest Kansas.

If you are 18 or older, you could make a difference in the lives of girls. Contact Monica at Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council, 2707 Vine Street, Suite 8, Hays, Kan. 67601 or call toll-free, (888) 811-8832.

Grant workshop planned

A grant workshop will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Pioneer Memorial Library at 375 West 4th Street in Colby.

It will include instruction on how to use the *Cooperating Collection Site*, which is a collection of reference materials that are used in locating foundations to access grant funding for various causes. It includes different types of books, as well as information on CD Rom.

There is no charge for the workshop. For details contact Debbie Tittle, Pioneer Memorial Library, at (785) 462-4470 or Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development at (785) 462-2602.



DECATUR COUNTY'S CARNIVAL kicked off Tuesday night with games, food, rides and a small crowd. This boy, like a lot of kids, decided to spend his 10 cents at the fishing pond

to get a prize. The carnival will be open through Saturday, starting at 7 p.m. each night.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

* Annual fair, carnival fun for everyone

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 piece with the Twistover, train, Ferris wheel, swings, Octopus, Tilt-a-whirl and moon walk each costing three tickets. The merry-go-round and small kiddie rides cost one ticket each.

Games offered this year include:
 • Baseball toss, in which a person has three tries to knock three stacked

- bottles over.
- Birthday wheel, try to spin the wheel to land on the right month.
- Break a plate, try to break a plate with a ball.
- Bullseye, try to throw a dart and hit the bullseye.
- Duck pond, pick a duck and get the prize corresponding to the number on the bottom.

- Fishing pond, fish out a prize from behind the curtain.
- High striker, use a mallet to test strength.
- Lollipop tree, buy a lollipop, if it has a colored sticker, win a prize.
- Ric-o-chet, a nickel game.
- Sinko, which is like bingo but with balls.
- Soda can toss, toss bean bags at

- soda cans to knock them over.
- Tic-tac-toe, try to get three balls in a row.
- Plinko, drop a disc down a board to win a prize.
- Basketball, try to make a basket.
- Miniature golf.
- Outhouse alley, try to throw the ball in the toilet.

Voter turnout down for primary contest

Turnout in the District 2 commissioner race was light, with only 269 out of the 494 registered Republicans voting, but they made their decision clear with 170 ballots for incumbent Ralph Unger and 99 for his opponent, Phillip Lahman.

Both candidates agreed that they were disappointed in the turnout. That is only about half of the voters in the district, said Mr. Lahman, reached at home Tuesday night.

He said he had no idea how the race was going to turn out and he didn't have any expectations going into the election.

Mr. Lahman said he hasn't really

given any thought about running in the future. He said he thought he would get through this race first. This was his first attempt at elected office.

Mr. Unger was at the courthouse helping put ballot boxes away and hanging out on election night. Since he was a candidate, he said, he wasn't helping with any of the counting.

Although he was glad to win, and that he would be able to serve another four years, he said he was disappointed with the low vote, just 54 percent of registered voters. It seemed pretty light all day long. Mr.

Unger said he didn't think the voters realized, that in many cases, the primary election determines the candidates who win the general election.

He said he plans to represent the people of the county to the best of his abilities and meet the challenges as they arise.

Voter turnout in District 2 actually was higher than the county as a whole, with only 39.6 percent of the possible voters coming out. County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who also is the county election officer, said there are 1,433 registered Republicans, 556 Democrats and 435 unaffiliated, for a total of 2,424 voters. Of those, only 961 voted.

By 10:37 p.m., all of the votes had been counted and the election volunteers were getting ready to go home.

The commissioner race was the

only county contest. All others were unopposed. Those included incumbent Republicans Mrs. Horn, who received 543 votes for clerk; Ken Badsky with 454 for the sheriff; Steve Hirsch with 526 for the county attorney; Jean Hale with 548 for the treasurer; John Bremer with 530 for the magistrate judge; and Doyle Brown with 100 for District 3 commissioner. Judy Gaumer, the only Democrat in county office, received 130 votes for register of deeds.

In the county, voters cast 533 ballots for U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran. In a "contested" race, they voted 671 for U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, and 55 for Arch Naramore on the Republican ticket. On the Democratic ballot, Robert Conroy received 69 votes and Lee Jones 61.

Winners will appear on the ballot for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

* Traveler goes by scooter

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 bered his promise and knew what he wanted to do.

While he is paying all his expenses, Mr. Morreale said, the Foothills Rotary Club of Denver is sponsoring him.

In Oberlin, he collected \$110 after his talk.

"They were really generous," he said.

Donations can be sent to SOS Children's Villages - U.S.A., attention Anne Derby, 1317 F. Street

N.W., Suite 550, Washington, D.C., 20004 or to Don Morreale, 1266 S. Williams St., Denver, Colo., 80210. Make all checks out to SOS Children's Villages - U.S.A. and put Scooter Fund for India in the bottom left-hand corner.

Editor's Note: SOS Children's Villages built the home where Patricia Gomez, a foreign-exchange student from Panama, lives. Miss Gomez spent her junior year at Decatur Community High School two years ago.

County agrees to renew McCook jail contract

Decatur County commissioners renewed the jail contract with Red Willow County, but not without a little joshin'.

Sheriff Ken Badsky brought the renewal to the commissioners' meeting last Tuesday. He said the Red Willow sheriff had asked for a renewal, since the contract had not been redone in several years and was on automatic extension.

As far as he knows, he said, the move to build a jail in McCook is on hold for now.

He said the new contract was just the old one printed out with new dates by the county

attorney's secretary. Red Willow County sends prisoners to Oberlin to serve sentences, paying Decatur County \$25 per day to house them. The Nebraska prisoners often make up the bulk of the jail population here.

Commissioner Ralph Unger wanted to know about the contract.

"Does it have an escape clause?" he asked, and that brought a laugh from the sheriff.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch said it didn't; the contract is for one year with year-to-year renewals.

* Senate race tight

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 Greeley, Gove and Lane counties. Mr. Rasure carried his home county, Sherman, 1,010 to 415 and also carried Mr. Ostmeyer's home county, Gove, 368 to 357.

Mr. Ostmeyer carried Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Logan, Wichita, Thomas, Scott, Rooks, Ness, Graham and Wallace counties.

By the time the last votes were in, from tiny Wallace County in the Mountain Time zone, Mr. Rasure had left his campaign headquarters. He told reporters he was disappointed with the results.

Friends and campaign workers said that they felt he had done a good job and hoped he would continue in politics.

Reached at home Tuesday night, Mr. Ostmeyer said he was pleased with his victory but, also felt Mr. Rasure ran a good race.

"I'm tickled to win," he said, adding that he seemed to have been behind most of the night.

"The young fellow ran a tough campaign," he said. "He worked hard. My hat's off to him."

Looking at the results, Mr. Ostmeyer said that he was surprised he had not done better in some places and was happy he had done as well as he did in others.

"I need to be a better listener," he said talking about the next step of the campaign. "I plan to work hard."

Mr. Ostmeyer will meet Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Mr. Peterson was unopposed in the primary.

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