

Newcomer wins seat in primary

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Republican voters in the 120th District chose a new candidate for the state Legislature in Tuesday night's primary election, retiring veteran state Rep. John Faber of Brewster in favor of political newcomer Ward Cassidy of St. Francis.

Although the votes haven't been canvassed yet, the preliminary figures showed Mr. Cassidy with 2,418 votes and Rep. Faber with 1,925.

Bob Strevey of Norcatur, a farmer and former teacher who ran unopposed on the Democratic ticket, received 380 votes.

Mr. Cassidy, a teacher and school administrator from St. Francis, won each of the five counties in the district. He received 450 votes at home in Cheyenne County, 468 in Rawlins, 347 in Decatur, 580 in Norton and 573 in Phillips.

"I'm thrilled to think that I won and without a lot of money," said Mr. Cassidy. "I've said it before, and I'm saying it now, I'm going to fight hard for the 120th and stand up

for northwest Kansas.

"I'm going to start tomorrow working toward the general election. I need to raise some money. I have a whole list of issues I will be studying so when I walk into the Capitol, I will be prepared."

Mr. Cassidy said he couldn't have won without the support of the people. He added that he hoped those who didn't vote for him in the primary will in the general election.

Rep. Faber, who first took office in 1997, received 295 votes in Cheyenne County, 410 in Rawlins, 292 in Decatur, 412 in Norton and 516 in Phillips.

In the seven terms, he's served on numerous committees and accumulated a fair share of influence among the Republican majority. He currently is chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget subcommittee in House Appropriations, serves on Transportation and Public Safety Budget and is a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

Both men make their homes in (See INCUMBENT on Page 8A)



W. Cassidy

Decatur County voters prefer Hays candidate

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Decatur County residents gave their congressman a huge margin over one from the Wichita area in the race to be the next U.S. senator from Kansas.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran of Hays has represented the 1st District of western Kansas for 14 years, or seven terms. He was leading his nearest rival, Rep. Todd Tiahrt of Goddard, by better than three to one Tuesday night after all the votes had been counted at the courthouse in Oberlin.

Decatur County Republicans gave Mr. Moran 482 votes to 144 for Rep. Tiahrt. The other contenders for the Republican nomination, Tom Little and Robert Londerholm (a former attorney general, who had withdrawn), each had about 10 votes.

Lisa Johnson led the five Democratic contenders with 40 votes, twice as many as the next in line,

Charles Schollenberger, who had 20. Johnson also led statewide.

In the hotly and loudly contested U.S. representative race for Mr. Moran's 1st District seat, Decatur County voters preferred state Sen. Tim Huelskamp by 268 votes over the other two front runners, Tracey Mann, 117, and Sen. Jim Barnett, 119. Mr. Huelskamp led the district in early voting.

Among the other Republican hopefuls in the six-person race, teacher Sue Boldra of Hays received 77 votes; former congressional aide Rob Wasinger of Cottonwood Falls, 38; and Marck Cobb of Galva, 13.

The only Democrat, Alan Jilka, former mayor of Salina, received 95 votes from Decatur County.

As expected, U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback had no problem taking a more than four-to-one lead over his opponent, Joan Heffington, with 519 votes to her 103 in his bid to be (See VOTER on Page 8A)



Jerry Moran

Precipitation up compared to usual

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Oberlin has received close to five inches more precipitation than normal from the beginning of the year to the end of July.

While there has been some talk that northwest Kansas could be heading into a drought, forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center in Washington aren't showing that for either the long or short term, said Dave Floyd, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Goodland.

Actually, he said, the center shows northwest Kansas as expecting above normal precipitation. Mr. Floyd said the center shows the short-term forecast for August with above-normal precipitation, as well as the next three months through November.

The weather pattern the area is in now, said Mr. Floyd, could produce rain this week. The forecast shows a 20 to 40 percent chance of rain all week, except for the weekend.

It's been an OK summer in this part of the state for precipitation, he said. In June, Oberlin had 5.4 inches of rain and in July 4.5 inches. That's close to 10 inches in the last two months, or nearly half of the normal rainfall for a year.

Oberlin is doing well this year, he said. Normal precipitation for the year for Oberlin is 22.57 inches. So far, from the beginning of 2010 to the end of July, Oberlin recorded 20.36 inches, or 2.21 inches below normal for the year.

History shows that normal for January through the end of July at 15.6 inches, 4.76 inches below what has actually fallen, he said. (See NUMBERS on Page 8A)



WITH HELP from Sheri Jacobs (above), Kelly Bryan got ready for the 4-H Fashion Show at the United Methodist Church last Tuesday. Isabel Grafel (below) stood and smiled while her mom, Melinda Grafel, straightened out a sleeve. Girls and boys modeled outfits they either made or bought.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Fashion starts the fair

With several days of the Decatur County Fair and Home-Owned Carnival left, there's still lots of events left to take part in.

The carnival, which is operated by the Amusement Authority board and hundreds of volunteers, opens each night at 7 p.m. There are rides, games and food on the midway for people of all ages.

The Decatur County Fair Board plans to have activities in front of the grandstands the next three nights.

At 8 p.m. Thursday, the Tough Trucks Competition will return, said Dr. Travis Hissong, board president. Each driver maneuvers his or her truck through an obstacle course, competing against the clock. Anyone can enter.

Those interested can get the criteria for the trucks from the county Extension office or by contacting a fair board member.

At 8 p.m. Friday will be the demolition derby.

The City of Oberlin and Hansen-Mueller plan to team up Saturday night to give a free barbecue. They will be serving hamburgers and chips, said Mayor Joe Stanley.

The barbecue starts at 6 p.m. in the open area between the grandstands and the 4-H building.

The meal is one part of the 125th Anniversary celebration for the city.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, the motorcycle races will return. This is the third year for this event and the Tough Trucks Competition.

Anyone interested in watching practice before the races should come at 5:30 p.m.

All of the grandstand events cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



During the day there are also plenty of fair activities left for people to take part in.

Those events include on Thursday:

- 9 a.m. swine show in the small arena.
- 11 a.m. pictures for the news-

paper with the grand and reserve champion livestock winners.

- 3:30 p.m. senior and intermediate round robin showmanship contest.
- 6:30 p.m. livestock auction.

On Friday those events include:

- 8 a.m. clean up the livestock exhibits.
- 1:30 p.m. pet parade at the Good Samaritan Center.
- 5:30 p.m. public fashion revue at The Gateway.

Summer harvest leaves elevators full

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Wheat harvest has come and gone in this part of the state, leaving elevators full and farmers looking forward to another good crop in

the fall.

Even with frequent rains that flooded terraces and promoted leaf rust, said Kurt Anderson, general manager of the Decatur Co-op, it was still a decent summer harvest.

Mr. Anderson said he thought harvest had gone well. The total bushels, he said, were a little less than expected, adding that he thinks the rust got a little bit more of the crop than expected.

Even with that, farmers brought in 4.2 million bushels at all eight co-op elevators, he said.

Mr. Anderson said the cutting was pretty much finished by Friday, (See SUMMER on Page 8A)

Shopping Spree drawing only a week away

Time is running out to sign up for a chance to win \$1,000 in scrip money to pay for a summer shopping spree.

The final day to sign up for a chance in the Oberlin Merchants' Big \$1,000 Shopping Spree is ap-

proaching. Entries will be collected by 4 p.m. Tuesday, and the drawing will be next Wednesday. That leaves just one week.

Anyone 18 or older can enter the contest without making a purchase. Just fill out the small entry form at

participating businesses and drop it in the box.

People can sign up as many times as they want at any or all the sponsors.

The drawing will be at the Decatur County Area Chamber of Com-

merce Back to School Picnic in City Park at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday. In case of rain, the event will be moved (See DRAWING on Page 8A)



*Incumbent loses primary

(Continued from Page 1A) northwest Kansas and have ties to education, but Mr. Cassidy's campaign started amidst a groundswell of reaction to cuts in the state's budget for public schools.

The former administrator has 40 years' experience in education, six as a teacher, 16 years as a counselor and 20 years as a principal.

He recognizes, though, that in this part of the state, agriculture is the biggest industry.

"We need to do everything possible to maintain ag communities without raising taxes," he said. "We

provide the food — the government needs to provide the services!"

Rep. Faber farms north of Brewster in Rawlins County and is a former school board member.

"I've always said that if Ward won, I would support him," said Rep. Faber, reached at home Tuesday night, "and that's the way it stands."

Also reached at home, Mr. Strevey said he always hopes the best man wins this fall, regardless of their party. He added that he will do his best in the campaign against Mr. Cassidy.

*Summer crops fill area elevators

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Dan Grafel, co-owner of D&S Grain in Traer, said he thought harvest in that area had gone well, better than last year. He said they probably finished three weeks ago, with lots of yields in the upper 60s (bushels per acre) and better.

While Janice O'Hare at Hansen Mueller Grain in Oberlin said she hadn't really heard any yields, she said harvest had gone well and everyone seemed happy. Compared to last year, she said, this harvest seemed better.

Hansen Mueller took in 1.1 million bushels total in Oberlin and Cedar Bluffs.

She said they have been hauling wheat out by truck and then taking

loads, "odds and ends," as they come in since Thursday, July 15. Actually, said Mrs. O'Hare, they just got a small load from some terraces that finally dried out last Thursday.

Now, it's time to look towards the fall harvest, which normally starts in late September for dryland corn.

Mr. Grafel said the corn is looking great right now. He said some irrigated corn in his area got hit by hail. The insurance adjuster, he said, called it a 35 to 40 percent field loss.

The storm started in Hitchcock County, Neb., and took out a narrow strip as it came down the valley. Neighbors had significant damage.

*Voter turnout at 38 percent

(Continued from Page 1A) Kansas' next governor.

On the county level, Commissioner Stan McEvoy received 181 votes in an uncontested re-election bid for his District 1 seat.

In Decatur County, 767 people put their ballots in the box. Of those, 130 voted by advance ballot before Tuesday's election. With an even 2,000 registered voters in the county, that means that 38 percent

of those eligible turned out.

In 2008, the county also had 38 percent turnout for the primary, said County Clerk Colleen Geishler, but fewer people voted two years ago since the county only had 1,945 registered voters.

The 2006 primary produced a 36 percent turnout in Decatur County, the clerk said. Traditionally, turnout is lower in election when the president isn't on the ballot.

*Numbers here show high precipitation

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The patterns don't suggest any kind of drought here, whether it's short term or long term forecasts, said Mr. Floyd.

Normal numbers for Oberlin from the Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 should be an additional 7 inches of precipita-

tion in rain and snow.

If that happens, it would put Oberlin at 27.36 inches for the year, more than 5 inches over normal. But with the current weather pattern, of course, we could get more.

*Drawing planned for picnic

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to the high school cafeteria. The lucky shopper must be present to win. Names will be drawn until a winner is found.

One person will win \$1,000 in scrip money and have until Tuesday, Aug. 31, to spend it at participating stores only. No change will be given. The shopper has to notify The Herald so a photographer can go with them.

Sponsors for this year's Shopping Spree include Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Culligan Water, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware, R&M Service Center and The Oberlin Herald.

The scrip is good for merchandise only, and only at sponsoring businesses.



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Those residing in effected areas will be notified by way of a bright yellow door hanger on their door. Should you receive one of these notices, please read the precautions. Working west of Marks Avenue and east of Cass Avenue.

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Competing on horseback



IN THE 4-H HORSE SHOW on Saturday morning, Isaac Carman rode Rio in the arena just south of the fairgrounds. Isaac was just one of several kids to compete.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

County OK's culverts to replace bridges

The Decatur County commissioners approved ordering three culverts to put in the place of bridges around the county at the meeting last Tuesday.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said the three should cost around \$13,000. He asked for an additional \$5,000 for culverts to help build up the inventory. The commissioners approved ordering \$20,000 in culverts out of the special bridge account.

The three bridges to be replaced

are two miles south and slightly east on Z Lane in Lyle, one mile north of Jennings and about a quarter west on J Lane and approximately four and a half miles west of Dresden on D Lane.

Two of the bridges were damaged during the recent storms and need to be replaced. The bridge on D Lane has been watched over the years, said Mr. Stallman, and needs to be replaced. It's a smaller bridge so a culvert will work.

He said if the crew puts up bar-

ricades for more than three days or so, someone either drives through them or something happens to the signs.

The two storm damaged bridges have had full road barricades, he said, but it seems by the third or fourth day people run over them, steal them or shoot them. They haven't come up with a solution.

The commissioners also ratified the purchase of four new pickup

tires at \$135 a piece for \$540.

Marilyn Gamblin, county health nurse, had an amended contract to sign adding \$8,048 onto last year's grant for the H1N1 flu vaccine.

The commissioners signed new signature cards for the county treasurer. They also approved transferring \$7,575 from treasurer's auto account to special equipment at Treasurer Jean Hale's request.

City to mail utility bills

The city utility bills for Oberlin customers should be in the mail at the end of the week and in homes by early next week.

In July, the city was unable to mail bills out for the sewer, water, electricity and trash services because the billing computer crashed, losing all the data. The city asked customers to pay what they had in June to reduce the difference that would be owed at the beginning of August.

Since the crash, the office staff has been entering data to get ready for the billing.

Acting City Administrator Karen Larson said there won't be any late fees this month because the bills are being mailed later than usual. They normally are due on the 10th of each month.

A lot of people paid last month, she said, but some who needed to didn't.

AWEP Requested Funding

Sign-up cutoff date for Fiscal Year 2010 Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) Requested Funding.

Friday, August 13, 2010 is the cutoff date for AWEP applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2010 requested funding. The sign-up is available to eligible producers who irrigate in priority areas within Groundwater Management Districts 2, 4 and 5.

Go to your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and visit with the Natural Resources Conservation Service or local conservation district staff to get more information about helping address your resource concerns.

<http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/awep/>

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