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# Rain drenches area, folds carnival

## Moisture offers help for pastures

By VERONICA MONIER

Rain. If you were out driving Wednesday afternoon, it's the only thing that could be seen and if you were under the dubious cover of the fair barn, it's the only thing that could be heard.

Depending on where you were in the county, it rained anywhere from just under an inch to over two inches. A Norcatur resident said they received about three-fourth of an inch while residents who live in the Grant, Waverly and Wilton streets area reported around 1.1 inches. KQNK Radio said they had 2.4 in its rain gauge.

Because of the torrential downpour, the petting zoo and exotic animals exhibit were canceled, the porkburger special, watermelon feed and jackpot team rop-

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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Elizabeth Saintz

## Briefly Merchants

### are going crazy

They've gone nuts, bonkers, cuckoo and crazy. Each year Norton merchants take advantage of fair week and plan their annual Crazy Day sale for the last Saturday of the month.

Tomorrow, businesses all over town, will be offering once-a-year mark downs on their products. Some will be having sidewalk sales while others will offer big discounts on products throughout their store.

## Highway lane

### to be closed

Traffic on U.S. 36 at the 200 block of West Holme will be reduced to one lane in each direction on Monday. Kansas Department of Transportation crews will be correcting pavement problems by removing the top 15 inches of pavement. The subsurface will be compacted and stabilized. New asphalt will then be installed.

The repair is considered experimental, but if it is successful, it will be expanded to the other driving lanes next spring.

## Republican forum to be held tonight

A Republican "Meet-the-Candidates" forum that was set for Wednesday at the fairground has been postponed to tonight from 5-9 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to meet Republican candidates and look over campaign material can do so at the Republican booth.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 60s. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Warmer with highs in the mid 90s. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 90s. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s.

### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 86, Low 65  
Wednesday .... High 84, Low 60; Prec. 1.65  
Thursday ..... High 85, Low 56, Prec. 1.00  
Week ago ..... High 62, Low 58, Prec. .35  
Month ago ..... High 85, Low 66, Prec. 10  
Year ago ..... High 97, Low 66  
July precipitation ..... 6.55 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 16.43 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm  
10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

God, we confess that we have not given thanks to you for all our blessings. Forgive us, and give us awareness of your gifts and the will to thank you day and night. Amen



Wednesday afternoon's gully-washer brought its own kind of fun. Nicole Pavelka and Sharrelle Shinn (top) went tubing down an instant "river" south of Norton's tennis courts. Meanwhile city employees Mike Cliff and Ed Lively (left) cleared a drain so the minor pond (above) at Elmwood Park, caused by Wednesday's torrential downpour, will drain.  
— Photos by Harold Shinn and Veronica Monier

## Primary to be held on Tuesday

Primary elections for local, county, state and national offices will be held Tuesday.

Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate are incumbent Sam Brownback, Topeka, and Arch Naramore, Lawrence. Democratic challengers are Robert Conroy, Shawnee, and Lee Jones, Lenexa. Incumbent Jerry Moran, a Republican from Hays, is running uncontested for the U.S. House of Representatives from the First District.

In a hotly contested race for State Senator for the 40th District, Republicans Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell, and Dan Rasure, Goodland, square off, while Democrat Tim Peterson, Monument, will be running unopposed.

Incumbent John Faber, Brewster, is up against Doug Sebelius, Norton, for the Republican slot for State Representative, 120th District. The winner of the primary meets Democrat Bob Strevey, Norcatur. (Continued on Page 5)

## Who's paying the bills? Goodland man gathers most cash for senate race

By TOM BETZ

Candidates for the state Senate were required to file their campaign finance reports with the secretary of state and the county clerk of their home county.

The figures show that Dan Rasure, Goodland, raised more than twice what his Republican primary opponent Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell, has been able bring in and over seven times what the Democratic candidate Tim Peterson, Monument, has raised.

One reason is that Rasure jumped into the race earlier than the other two men as he was planning to run against Sen. Stan Clark, Oakley, a veteran conservative, who appeared to be in line for a top position in the state Senate.

Mr. Rasure set about raising money and running a campaign in January crisscrossing the 18 counties of the district, greeting people, shaking hands, listening — and asking for money. He's been successful, raising nearly \$19,000 this spring and

a total of more than \$52,000 by last week.

After Sen. Clark was killed in a traffic accident Mr. Ostmeyer jumped into the race and has been able to raise \$22,661.

Mr. Peterson, the Democratic chairman of the 1st Congressional District, tried to recruit a candidate to take the challenge and ended up filing for the Senate race himself and has since raised

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## Republican candidates do well at raising money

By BRANDON GAY

Candidates for Kansas state representative reported their campaign finances to the secretary of state and the county clerk of their home county on Monday.

Candidates were required to report their financial activities for 2004 up until July 22 including cash on hand at the beginning of the year, contributions, expenditures, cash on hand as of July 22 and in-kind contributions,

which are personal money or money another entity spends on behalf of the candidate without making a direct contribution.

Rep. John Faber, incumbent 120th district state representative, began the year with more money than his Republican primary opponent, Doug Sebelius, but has been out-raised since that point.

Rep. Faber began the year with \$10,238.65. He reported contributions of \$3,224 and in-kind contributions of \$612.

He had expenditures of \$8,417.67. About 40 percent of Mr. Faber's contributions in 2004 have come from political action committees. His contributions of \$100 or more from political action committees included Kansas Insurance Agents (\$200), Union Pacific RR (\$150), Kansas Dental Assoc. (\$200), Kansas Optometric Assoc. (\$250), Kansas Chiropractic Assoc. (\$250) and Kansas Medical Society (Continued on Page 5)

# Senate candidates raise election money

(Continued from Page 1) just under \$7,000.

The primary election is Tuesday, and the candidates are making as many appeals for support as they can squeeze into the final weekend.

Monday they filed reports that showed their cash and in-kind contributions, spending and other transactions from January to July 22.

If money is an indication, Mr. Rasure has the inside track in the race, raising \$39,611 in cash and \$12,988 in-kind for a total of \$52,599.

He raised \$20,896 from January to June, which is an average of \$4,179 per month prior to the death of Clark. In June and the first 22 days of July, Rasure raised \$18,715, an average of \$9,357 per month.

People contributing \$500 or more to Rasure in the first five months included James Lunsway (\$500), Royal D. Reid (\$1,000), Ron Vignery (\$750), Cora House (\$500), John Golden (\$500), Kevin Rasure (\$900) and Joan Reid (\$1,000) from Goodland, and Bonnie Cloud (\$1,000) of Olathe, Stephen Cloud (\$1,000) of Merriam, Norman Nelson, (\$1,000) a Norton banker, Valley Feeds Mill (\$1,000) and Valley Feeds Trucking (\$1,000) of Long Island, Kan. and Almena Agri Services (\$1,000) of Almena.

In the past 60 days, Rasure received contributions of over \$500 from Lanette Keller (\$1,000), James Keller (\$1,000) and Keller EV. (\$1,000) of Oakley; Pioneer (\$1,000) of Oakley, Forrest Cloud (\$1,000) of Olathe, Larry McCants (\$1,000) of Goodland, the Kansas National Education Association (\$1,000, the statewide teachers union), the Senate Republican Leadership Committee (\$1,000), HRC Feedyards (\$1,000) and Fairleigh Feed Yard (\$1,000) of Scott City, Goodland State Bank and Securities (\$1,000), and Brookover Cattle Co. of Scott City (\$1,000).

Mr. Rasure had spent nearly all of his money, with a cash balance of \$2,281 as of last Friday. He is traveling around the district trying to get an edge and pushing for a good turnout on Tuesday.

He said in an interview on Thursday that he knew that Sen. Clark had about \$30,000 in his reelection campaign and felt that the incumbent could raise "soft" money — money spent on elections that does not go through the

candidate. "Soft money was used to pay for a flyer, which was sent out by Americans for Prosperity in support of Mr. Ostmeyer.

"It's a group that does not want to see additional funds go to education," Mr. Rasure said of the flyer.

The group also sent out a flyer for incumbent house candidate John Faber.

Despite his late entry, Mr. Ostmeyer raised \$22,400 in cash. He has \$261 in in-kind contributions for a total of \$22,661.

He reported spending \$14,756 with a cash balance of \$7,644 as of last week.

Mr. Ostmeyer has received contributions over \$500 from Douglas Mackley (\$500) of Winona, Heinrich Feeds (\$1,000) of Grainfield, and several state lobbying groups, including the Kansas Optometric Association (\$500), Kansas AFL-CIO (\$500), John M. Ostrowski (\$500, AFL-CIO lobbyist), all of Topeka; Vess Enterprises (\$1,000) and Michael Vess (\$1,000) of Wichita; and Brittany Savings (\$1,000) and Bell Development (\$1,000), both of Olathe.

Mr. Ostmeyer is putting on a final push, and feels his experience in the Legislature should give him an edge over Rasure's youth.

Mr. Peterson, unopposed as he seeks the Democratic nomination, has raised \$6,960 with in-kind contributions of \$162 for a total of \$7,122.

Peterson had spent \$597 through last Thursday, which leaves him a balance of \$6,363.

Contributions to Mr. Peterson of over \$500 came from Daniel Swenson of Manhattan (\$1,000), the Kansas National Education Association PAC (\$1,000), Robert Strevey (\$500) of Norcatur, the Democratic candidate for the 120th District in the House, and Marie Peterson (\$1,000) of Troy, Ohio.

Mr. Peterson's in-kind contribution came from the Senate Democratic Committee.

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The Norton Police Department, the Norton Sheriff's Office and several good Samaritans helped out a woman who got her car caught on the tracks Wednesday afternoon. They managed to free the car by using a forklift to lift it and then wedging boards under the tires. — Telegram photo by Brandon Gay

# Rain causes postponements at the fair

(Continued from Page 1) ing were postponed, and, for the first time ever, the Home-owned carnival was canceled.

"I can't remember a time when it's been shut down," said Amusement Association President Mick Miller about the carnival. "There has been a couple of times when we've had to shut it down a couple of hours into it because of the rain, but to my knowledge, we've never

had a day when we just didn't have the carnival."

The porkburger special and watermelon feed will be happening tonight at 5:30 p.m. and the jackpot team roping will be next Wednesday at 7 p.m. None of Thursday's events were changed.

The animals of Wednesday's livestock judging seemed to be okay with it. Norton County Extension Agent Keith VanSkiike

said the sound of the rain hitting the fair barn roof was a little unsettling, but the cooler weather was a definite plus where livestock behavior was concerned.

The animals weren't the only ones who benefited from the wet weather. Farmers and their crops did as well.

"These are the types of rains that can do nothing but good," said Multi-County Extension Agent

Brian Olson.

Mr. VanSkiike said the county was in need of some more rain. He said it's certainly a boost for the pastures and the corn definitely need a bit more.

Mr. Olson said corn should be pollinating and grain sorghum will soon be heading.

"The rains are very beneficial," he said. "More so if the crops are doing well."

# All township candidates running unopposed

(Continued from Page 1) Republican William Elliott, Hill City, District Judge for the 17th District, is running unopposed in the primary.

Norton County Commissioner from the 2nd District, Leroy Lang, meets Ivan Kingham in next week's Republican primary.

George Gassman, a Republican, Clayton is up against incumbent John Miller, Norton, for the

chance to meet Democratic hopeful, Robert Clydesdale, Edmond, in the race of the 3rd District's County Commissioner's seat.

Sheriff Troy Thomson faces fellow Republican Travis Smith on Tuesday.

Uncontested county positions include Robert Wyatt for county clerk; Cynthia Linner for county treasurer; Wanda Vincent for register of deeds; and Karen Griffiths

for county attorney.

There are no contests for township offices. Every candidate is Republican and running unopposed. Joe Ballinger and Bernice Becker are on the ballot for Norton Ward One, George Atkinson and Ruth Lofgreen for Norton Ward Two, Karen Reedy for Norton Ward Three, Robert McClelland and Donna McClelland for Harrison Precinct, Steven Berry and

Geneva Berry for Highland No. 1 Precinct, Marion Goldsby and Jennie Goldsby for Highland No. 2 Precinct, John Miller for Highland No. 3 Precinct, Jon Lofgreen and Elaine Lofgreen for Center No. 1 Precinct and Daniel Pakkebie and Jeanette Pakkebie for Solomon No. 2 Precinct.

Norton city residents will be voting at the American Legion Building along with Highland Precinct No. 2, Solomon Precinct No. 1 and No. 2.

Center Precincts No. 1 and No. 2 will vote in the county courthouse lobby along with Highland Precinct No. 3 and Old Belle Plain.

Lenora City Hall is the polling place for Highland Precinct No. 1 and all of Modell.

Almena city, township and Harrison residents will vote in the Almena City Hall.

# Representative candidates raise cash

(Continued from Page 1) (\$250), all based in Topeka.

Also contributing \$100 or more to Mr. Faber were Burlington, Northern and Santa Fe RR Co. (\$150), Topeka; Denzel Lofgreen (\$100) Norton; The Heavy Constructors Assoc. (\$250) Kansas City, Mo.; Ken Daniel (\$100), Topeka; The Kansas Contractors Assoc (\$250), Topeka; The Boeing Co. (\$250), Wichita; his parents Jack and Mary Faber (\$600), Brewster; and Stand Up for Kansas (\$100), Wichita.

Mr. Sebelius has raised more, but has also spent more than Mr. Faber, leaving him with less cash-on-hand. He began the year with \$3,479.70. He reported contributions of \$9,675 and expenditures of \$11,519.78. He had \$1,634.92 cash-on-hand.

Most of Mr. Sebelius' contributions have come from Norton. People from Norton contributing \$100 or more to Mr. Sebelius included Loene Archibald (\$100), Phil and Carman Lesh (\$100), Dave and Patti Newell (\$100), Ken and Juanita Gregoire (\$100), Mark and Mary Ahlemeyer (\$250), Gail and Cindy Boller (\$100), Jane Kelling (\$500), Barbara A. Smiley (\$100), Jay and Pam Shelton (\$100).

Tom Hehn (\$100), Norm and Curt Walter of the Walter Motor (\$200), John and Donna Leipold (\$100), Roger and Ruth Harman (\$100), Steve and Randa Vollertsen of Moffet Drug (\$100), R.W. and Doris Yeager (\$250), John L. Wray (\$100), Summer and Cheryl Schlenk (\$100), David and Norma Browne, II (\$100), First Security Bank and Trust (\$500), First Security Insurance Co. (\$500), Jim and Rosemary Gordon (\$100), Craig and Lisa Krizek (\$100), Doris I. Stump (\$100), Leroy and Judy Lang (\$100), Dennis and Laura Gilhousen (\$200) and Warren Bullock (\$100).

Others contributing to Mr. Sebelius included Kansas National Education Association Political Action Committee (\$500), Topeka; his sister-in-law Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (\$250); Rural Telephone

(\$250), Lenora; Lois O. Dietz (\$100), Lenora; former governor Mike and Patti Haden (\$250), Lawrence; Alice F. Kuiper (\$100), Almena, Mike and Brenda Day (\$100), St. Francis; David, Mary Jane and Troy of Van Patten Farms (\$100), Almena; Jack and Liz Wilkins (\$100), Almena; Preston and Peggy Pratt (\$100), Oberlin; Bob Gaskill (\$500), Oberlin; Lindon and Diane Montgomery (\$100), McDonald; Larry Nelson

(\$100), Almena, and Jackie Clark, a Hallmark Cards agent (\$250), Kansas City, Mo.

On the Democratic side of the race, Bob Strevey is running unopposed. He began the year with \$500. He reported contributions of \$565 and in-kind contributions of \$105. He had no expenditures and had \$1,065 cash-on-hand.

Mr. Stevey's only contribution of \$100 or more came from Tim and Rebbekah Peterson (\$500), Winona.

## Norton County Livestock Facts

Fees Paid to the Following from January 1, 2001 to the Present:

Logan Riley Carson & Kaup .....	\$58,072.41
Kaup, James .....	\$14,466.39
Spectrum Technologists .....	\$38,526.26
Sebelius, R. Douglas .....	\$605.80
Norton Telegram .....	\$975.00

1. The Kansas Supreme Court ruling 89,822 on May 14, 2004 affirmed Norton District Court assigned Senior Judge, Michael A. Barbara's decision of striking down the Norton County Home Rule Resolution 2002-06.
2. Norton County Commissioners have spent \$112,645.86 on the livestock regulations as of July 28, 2004.
3. Other economic development projects suffered at this great expense.

It is time for a change.  
Vote for fiscal responsibility.

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KEVIN ESSLINGER, TREASURER

Vote for Integrity and Ethics in Government

LIFELONG  
REPUBLICAN

elect

Doug  
SEBELIUS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

My opponent's campaign ads distort and misrepresent my views on several issues

HERE'S THE TRUTH

- ★ I oppose gay marriage. I would vote to ratify an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that defines marriage as only between one man and one woman.
- ★ I oppose state government forcing local districts to raise property taxes to fund schools. Adequate funding for education is a state responsibility.
- ★ I am strongly against pornography on the Internet

VOTE DOUG SEBELIUS AUGUST 3RD

Paid for by Sebelius for Representative, Julie A. Neff, Treasurer