

Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic is held in Logan

By DICK BOYD

The 25th annual Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic held Saturday on the Hansen Plaza lawn in Logan gave area residents the opportunity to listen to and visit with national and state GOP officials over fried chicken dinner.

Through the years, the picnic has drawn many Republican dignitaries, including former Sens. Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum, former Govs. Bill Graves and Mike Hayden and U.S. Senator Pat Roberts.

The fried chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob and watermelon was followed by the speeches and patriotic music.

Jerry Moran, Hays, U.S. Congressman from the Big First District, is a regular attendee and was present again but arrived late and did not speak long.

"I've just completed my 69 town hall meetings on my listening tour and am really happy to be with you in Logan," Moran said with a big smile. "I didn't want to miss this special event."

"Many thanks for everyone's support. I really enjoy representing Kansas in Congress."

Other speakers included:

**Attorney General
Phill Kline**

"There are things going on in Kansas that I believe are wrong," Mr. Kline said.

"We arrest an average of 20 adults every six months who come into our state to molest children they met on the Internet. We have a hard time getting the court to declare them guilty. This is wrong."

"In 1994, we passed the death penalty but the court put it aside."

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled originally that the law was constitutional but the same court with different justices said it was unconstitutional. That's wrong.

"The court is trying to shut down our rural schools and that's wrong. If the court starts to believe it is the legislature, that's not right."

"The genius of our state is our people and we want to bring authority back to the people."

"Our law enforcement personnel, as well as our service men and women, are doing a great job every day but we must work together for change to protect our laws which are not being upheld by the courts."

**Secretary of State
Ron Thornburgh**

He has been elected to his office three times and has won numerous awards, including being chosen president of the National Secretary of State organization.

"The kind of people we elect in Kansas makes the difference," he said.

"When a child in Hays goes to bed without food, an elderly lady in Topeka goes without adequate health care or a father takes a hit from a bottle instead of caring for his child, it is our responsibility as elected officials to make a difference in the lives of Kansans."

**State Treasurer
Lynn Jenkins**

A sixth generation Kansan, she is a former state senator and representative.

"I'm the happiest Kansan in the world," she said. "I have the best job in the world. We are the state bank and we administer a lot of money each year."

"One part of our job that many people seem to be unaware of is administering the unclaimed property law. Sixteen million dollars of misplaced and unclaimed property comes into our office every year. We usually return one-half of that but the pot has grown to \$154 million."

"It belongs to somebody. Check the Internet and help us get it returned."

"Learning Quest was authorized by the legislature five years ago. My office administers this program which helps youths continue education after high school. Check the starting time of our next program on the web site."

"We will soon have the second annual Money Smart Camp at Rock Springs Ranch for junior high students. Check it out on the web. We had 100 young people at the first camp and they had a ball while learning about smart ways to deal with money."

"The Kansas Credit Union Association helps sponsor the camp."

to bring balance to the insurance regulatory process," she said.

"When you have an insurance problem, your friendly agent will contact us so you, the consumer, will have the same expertise as the large insurance companies have."

"In 2004, we received over 7,000 claims and got over \$11 million in claims paid. Some people would have been paid eventually but we got the money for them sooner."

"Insurance is a promise to pay and we want to make sure you are paid."

"Since I took office, we have brought 30 to 40 insurance companies back into Kansas to make the industry more competitive."

"We've gotten a health savings plan passed and we're working on a better plan for health insurance for small businesses."

"We are there for you to assist you, the consumer, with Kansas insurance problems."

"Balance in the regulatory process is our theme."

**Speaker of the House
Doug Mays**

"We have 144 years of Republican leadership in Kansas," he said. "We are the leadership party."

"We have supported our schools and we have a fabulous school system in Kansas. Ours are the best schools in the country."

"Our party also understands agri-business and favors individual families."

"Governor Sebelius has appointed two supreme court justices and could appoint more if re-elected."

"I wish we could get more people around the state to travel around our state and see what a beautiful state we have and how wonderful the people are in the rural areas."

Candidate Eric Carter

The Overland Park man is a former legislator who will be a candidate in the primary election for Kansas Commissioner of Insurance.

"This is my first time at the Logan picnic and I am really enjoying being here," he said.

"It was a five and one-half hour drive but it was worth it."

"The number one issue in Kansas is the cost of health insurance. Medicaid insurance costs the Kansas taxpayers \$1.1 billion annually. Medicaid is the fastest growing part of our state budget."

"We can embrace free market reforms or go the other way toward socialism, like they have in Canada. Our present commissioner of insurance wants to move toward socialism."

"We also need tort reform. We must get rid of unnecessary lawsuits. Frivolous litigation is very costly."

**Representative
Dan Johnson, Hays**

This is his ninth trip to the Logan picnic.

"The 2006 legislative session will be tough," he said.

"We've not finished the schools issue or health care. Water quality and quantity, food safety and energy, which includes ethanol, wind, natural gas and coal, are all vital issues and all cost money, so it will be tough."

"We have a lot of diversity, even in our party, but we must work together to resolve these important issues."

**House Majority Leader
Clay Aurand**

"As Republicans, we want to do what is in the best interest for Kansas," he said.

"Our governor hasn't provided much leadership and seems to be looking at the next election."

**Former Speaker of the House
Robin Jennison**

"When I was in the legislature, I thought I had learned about Kansas but the last four years working with "Kansas Outdoors" and traveling all over Kansas, I have really learned about our state."

"One thing I learned was how much farmers promoting hunting has helped agriculture. I also be-

lieve that the expansion of ethanol production is really helping our farmers."

"I'm also extremely unhappy that our governor turned our school financing over to seven people who are not even elected."

**Senator Ralph Ostmeyer,
Grinnell**

"Who is in control of our law-making in Kansas?", he said. "Is it the legislators or the justices?"

During the program, Staci Hartman and Judy Schneider, both of Logan, sang a patriotic medley, "Father, Heal Our Land and America the Beautiful". Janene Schneider on the keyboard was the accompanist.

To close the program, Hartman invited everyone to join her as she sang, "Home on the Range". Polly Bales, Logan, longtime Republican and precinct committeewoman, accompanied her on the keyboard.

Randy Duncan, Salina, First District Republican Chairman, conducted a meeting of First District Republicans in the museum earlier in the day.

Other dignitaries present were Susan Estes, Wichita, Kansas Republican vice-chairman; Bill Adams, Colby, First District treasurer; Derrick Sontag, Topeka, Kansas Republican executive director; Sheila Frahm, Colby, executive director of the Kansas Community College Association and former U.S. Senator and Kansas Lieutenant Governor; John Miller, Norton County commissioner; Rodger VanLoenen, Prairie View, Phillips County commissioner; Robert Keese, Phillipsburg, Phillips County register of deeds; Bonnie Leidig, Phillipsburg, district magistrate judge; and Larry Salmans, Hanston, former state senator.

Lynn Clements, Logan, Phillips County Republican Central Committee chairman, led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and also gave the invocation.

Janene Schneider, Logan, vice-chairman of the Phillips County

Central Committee, was the master of ceremonies. Schneider introduced the other members of the Central Committee: Judy Rowland, Phillipsburg, secretary

and Linda McDowell, Agra, treasurer. Rowland is also Phillips County Treasurer and McDowell is Phillips County Clerk.



Judy Schneider (left) and Staci Hartman sang a patriotic medley, "Father, Heal Our Land and America the Beautiful" during the 25th annual Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic on the Hansen Museum Lawn in Logan Saturday evening. To close the program, Hartman invited everyone to join her as she sang, "Home on the Range".

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Visiting during the 25th annual Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic in Logan on Saturday evening were (from left) Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline, Topeka; Kansas Representative Dan Johnson, Hays; Norton County Commissioner John Miller and Phillips County Magistrate Judge Bonnie Leidig, Phillipsburg.

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August is deadline for 'M', 'N', 'O'

August is the month for renewing vehicle tags for those whose last name begins with "M", "N" or "O", or businesses whose name begins with "M", "N" or "O".

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