

Governor candidate flies in to talk to voters

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"But the problem is deeper, and we are going to feel some pain before it is over. I am a tight-fisted budget person, and I believe we need to look out five or more years to the future to determine where we want to be and then work for that goal.

"We have seen an out migration of young people for many years, and there are many reasons," he said. "We know that a majority of new jobs come from small companies, but there is not enough of them. We have examples of businesses which have overcome issues of being in a rural area, and know it can be done."

Speaking about the rural lifestyle, Kerr said he grew up on a farm and was in a graduating class of six.

"I hate to see this lifestyle get away from us," he said.

When asked about the water issue, he said the people would have to make tough decisions, and they need to work together.

"The right decision doesn't automatically show up in Topeka to be handed down," he said.

On the education, Kerr told Goodland Superintendent Marvin Selby that he believes there are three problems facing the state. Basic funding, handling rural schools and declining enrollment, and finding money for excellence.

"We have tried to handle these, but more can be done," Kerr said. "We need to redo the formula."

Selby said his district had room to raise the local option budget, but farmers can't afford a tax increase.

"You've seen the farmland," he said,

"and know that would not be easy, as a majority of the property tax falls on the agriculture land."

Kerr said he receives some income from a farm operated by his brother Fred, but admitted this year there may not be much without a crop.

John Golden asked Kerr about the transportation program, which seems to have trouble.

Kerr said the 1989 highway plan, which he said Tim Shallenberger voted against when he was in the Legislature, worked well. There were low prices and the state built lots of highways, even more than expected.

He said the 1999 plan is in trouble because the state has not been able to find money for what was planned. He said the fuel tax increase of 2 cents per gallon this year goes direct to the fund. That stabilized it, he said, but is not a final answer.

Tom Stewart, of Mueller Grain, said he was going to put Kerr on the spot where no one wants to be, asking about the possibility of a tax increase in the next year.

"I am not going to say we definitely will have a tax increase," Kerr said. "It is early in the fiscal year, and while there is a \$20 million shortfall as it looks now, it might mean things have stabilized. It may be that a tax increase is not avoidable, but I am going to do everything for that not to happen."

Kerr told Harlan House that he would be a governor who would be out working to build national and international relationships to promote Kansas products.

"I believe in this and I will not go away," Kerr said before heading on to Syracuse.

Teen shot by men in car

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taken to the hospital, just that the shot came from a gray car with four men inside.

Smee said Carson, who is unemployed, was outside the house at 910 W. 17th when he was shot, and he probably knew the men.

"There's a whole group who've been fighting," Smee said.

"We're talking to everyone, pursuing all leads, trying to find out what happened."

A .44-caliber revolver and a spent

cartridge were found at the scene and confiscated by police, along with the T-shirt Carson was wearing. Smee said they are not sure who the gun belonged to, but all the evidence is being sent to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation lab in Great Bend.

Smee said he will talk to Carson when he gets home from the hospital and will try to get a better picture of what happened.

"Hopefully he will be able to give us better details," the chief said.

"We want to get to the bottom of this, and bring these guys in."

B-1B bombers leave Wichita

McCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — As the last B-1B disappeared Sunday into the haze of a summer morning, the crews, friends and family members of the 184th Bomb Wing lingered at the edge of the tarmac where the planes had sat ready for combat since 1994.

"It looks a little empty, doesn't it?" said Gen. Russ Axtell, former commander of the 184th.

Sunday's departure of the final three B-1s — the "Bone Voyage" — closed the latest chapter in the history of the wing. It also was the conclusion of a

weekend of celebration and goodbyes as the unit changes from a combat role to a support role.

The unit officially becomes the 184th Air Refueling Wing on Sept. 16, joining the Air Force's 22nd Air Refueling Wing and the 931st of the Air Force Reserves to create the largest tanker base in the world.

The Bones — the nickname for the jets — were hard to let go.

Candidates on primary ballot

There are plenty of close state and national races are on the ballot for the the primary election Tuesday. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Sherman County. Candidates on the ballot include:

NATIONAL - REPUBLICAN
U.S. Senator: Tom Oylar, Wichita; Pat Roberts, Dodge City.
U.S. Representative: Jerry Moran, Hays.

NATIONAL - DEMOCRATIC

None.

STATE - REPUBLICAN

Governor/Lieutenant governor: Dan Bloom/Eric Bloom, Eudora; Dave Kerr/Mary Birch, Topeka; Bob Knight/Kent Glasscock, Wichita; Tim Shallenburger/David Lindstrom, Topeka.

Secretary of State: Ron Thornburgh, Topeka.
Attorney General: David Adkins, Leawood; Phil Kline, Shawnee; Charles D. McAtee, Tecumseh.

Commissioner of Insurance: David J. Powell, El Dorado; Sandy Praeger, Lawrence; Bryan Riley, Wichita.

Treasurer: Lynn Jenkins, Topeka; Dennis Wilson, Overland Park.

Representative - 121st District: Jim Morrison, Colby.
Board of Education: Connie Morris, St. Francis; I.B. "Sonny" Rundell, Syracuse.

STATE - DEMOCRATIC

Governor/Lieutenant governor: Kathleen Sebelius/John Moore, Topeka.

Secretary of State: David Haley, Kansas City.
Attorney General: Chris Biggs, Junction City.

Commissioner of Insurance: Jim Garner, Coffeyville.
Treasurer: Sally Finney, Olathe.

COUNTY - REPUBLICAN

Commissioner - first district: Chuck Thomas, 3255 County Road 17, Edson; Royal Reid, 1007 Harrison (dropped from race).

COUNTY - DEMOCRATIC

None.

TOWNSHIPS - REPUBLICAN

Grant: Township clerk: none. Committee man: William Gattshall, 7480 County Road 12. Committee woman: Lois D. Crossman, 7025 County Road 11.
Iowa: none.

Itasca: Township clerk: none. Committee man: Harlan D. House, 3691 S. K-27. Committee woman: Cora House, 3691 S. K-27.

Lincoln: none.
Llanos: none.

Logan: Township clerk: Perry Lohr, 6337 County Road 17. Committee man: none. Committee woman: Barbara M. Eisenbart, 6515 County Road 16.

McPherson: Township clerk: Shirley Anderson, 1060 County Road 16. Committee man: Elmer R. Purvis, 1130 County Road 55. Committee woman: Joyce Purvis, 1130 County Road 55.
Shermanville: none.

Smoky: none.
Stateline: none.

Union: Township clerk: none. Committee man: Allen D. Quenzer, 3440 County Road 66. Committee woman: Doris L. Quenzer, 3440 County Road 66.

Voltaire: Township clerk: none. Committee man: Keith Coon, 7430 County Road 24. Committee woman: Carol Gattshall, 1455 Road 73; Judith P. Coon, 7430 County Road 24.

Washington: none.

Goodland - Ward 1: Committee man: Jeffery A. Mason, 206 Spruce. Committee woman: MaryIn Mangus, 609 Main.

Goodland - Ward 2: none.

Goodland - Ward 3: Committee man: none. Committee woman: Roxie Yonkey, 1203 Caldwell.

Goodland - Ward 4: Committee man: J. Ronald Vignery, 616 Arcade. Committee woman: none.

TOWNSHIPS - DEMOCRATIC:

Goodland - Ward two: Committee woman: Dixie Chatfield, 1125 Sherman #3.

It only looks like a commission race on ballot

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consin six years ago, said farmers need all the help they can get. Drought is ruining crops, and he said that will eventually put a big dent in the economy.

"The depressed economy is really hurting now more than people in town realize," he said. "It's going to hit home this fall."

Thomas said he doesn't have all of the answers, but wants to work with the other commissioners to bring in new businesses that will boost the economy.

"I want to be a part of helping the

county to grow and expand," he said.

Only people living in District No. 1 can vote for commissioner, Rumpel said. The district covers an area east of Broadway Avenue to the Thomas County line and includes all of Ward 3, Ward 4 south of Sixth Street and Iowa, Itasca, Union and Washington townships.

There will be only one true county race, Rumpel said, and not many people will get to vote in that one. Republicans Carol Gattshall and Judith Coon are both seeking a party county committee position in Voltaire Township.

Democrats won't have any candidates to choose from at all, Rumpel

said, because there are no Democratic races either at the state or national level. The Republicans will have to make some decisions, though.

At the state level, there are hot races for governor, attorney general, insurance commissioner, state treasurer and state Board of Education in the 5th District. There is also a national contest for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Pat Roberts, though it's not considered close.

Voting booths will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

People in Ward 1 can vote at the city building, 204 W. 11th; Ward 2 and 3 at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 12th and Sherman; Ward 4 in

the courthouse lobby, 813 Broadway; Kanorado city and Stateline township at the Kanorado Senior Citizen's Center; Itasca, Lincoln and Voltaire townships in the courthouse lobby; and Grant, Logan, McPherson, Smoky, Iowa, Llanos, Shermanville, Union and Washington townships at the Methodist hall.

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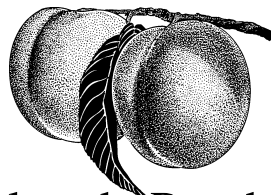


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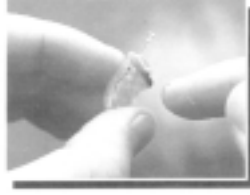
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