

Candidate makes stop in Goodland

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Jim Barnett, the Republican candidate for governor, says he is a happy being a doctor but knows that Kansas is at a crossroads.

Barnett, who lives and practices medicine in Emporia, spoke to about 40 people at the student union of the Northwest Kansas Technical College on Wednesday night. State Rep. Jim Morrison from Colby and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer from Grinnell attended the meeting.

"Kansas needs real leadership," Barnett said. "I won't forget about or ignore you."

Under incumbent Democrat Kathleen Sebelius, Barnett said, Kansas is falling behind in jobs and business. The state ranks 42nd nationally in the addition of new jobs and 50th in job growth, he said, and that needs to change. He said he would give businesses and farms a 10 percent investment tax credit and get rid of the death, or inheritance, tax so businesses and farms can be passed on by families.

To help families, he said, he would like to increase the dependent exemption by \$500 and reduce state income taxes by 20 percent.

"The school funding bill that was passed and supported by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will create a \$175 million deficit after three years," Barnett said. "The state, with good leadership, can fund education without increasing taxes."

Barnett said he would like to see the procedure for selection of state

Supreme Court justices, changed to one similar to the federal government. The governor would nominate justices and the Legislature would approve.

Today, the governor picks from among candidates chosen by an appointed panel of citizens and lawyers. Justices have to stand for a yes-or-no retention vote every six years, but usually stay until retirement.

He said he would like to have better cooperation between the Kansas Highway Patrol and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement service. Barnett said he opposed driver's licenses and in-state tuition for illegal aliens. If a company has a history of hiring illegal aliens, he said, he would prohibit them from getting state contracts.

Barnett also said he supports the idea that people would need to show a photo ID at the ballot box.

He supports giving ownership of health insurance to employees so when people change jobs it will not mean the end of their insurance. Barnett said he would like to limit in malpractice lawsuits what lawyers can charge so most of the money would go to the person who sues. He said he would like the information about how much a doctor charges for a procedure and what his record is so people can be better consumers of health care.

"I would like to control and slow down (state) spending," he said. "I want to provide solutions."



The Republican candidate for governor, state Sen. Jim Barnett, spoke to about 40 people Wednesday night at the Student Union of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, including state Rep.

Jim Morrison of Colby and state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Monday last day for registration; voting starts Tuesday

If you plan to vote for statewide offices or the 1st District county commissioner race at the general election Tuesday, Nov. 7, you have until 5 p.m. Monday to register.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the rolls will be open through the close of business Monday, and she plans to open advance voting on

Tuesday.

People who will not be in town on election day, or just want to vote early, can come to the clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Monday, Nov. 6.

In Sherman County, the only race is for 1st District commissioner. Incumbent Chuck Thomas of

Edson, a Republican, won a four-way primary. He faces a Republican challenger, Darin Neufeld of Goodland, who lost the primary by 14 votes and is running as a write-in candidate, and Conrad Pettijohn of Goodland running as an independent.

Only people who live in the district and are registered can vote in that race.

Congressman Jerry Moran of Hays faces two challengers in the 1st District of western Kansas, Democrat John Doll of Garden City and Reform Party candidate Sylvester Cain of St. Mary's.

The major statewide race is for governor and lieutenant governor between incumbent Democrat Kathleen Sebelius and Mark Parkinson and the Republican challengers, Sen. Jim Barnett and Rep.

Susan Wagle. There are two other teams on the ballot, Libertarians Carl Kramer and Kalor A. Hebron and Reform Party candidates Richard Lee Ranzau and Ellen L. Verell.

In the race for Secretary of State, Republican incumbent Ron Thornburgh faces challenges from Democrat David Haley, Libertarian Rob Hodgkinson and Reform Party candidate Joseph L. Martin.

Incumbent Republican Attorney General Phill Kline is facing a tough challenge from Democrat Paul Morrison, a former Republican who is district attorney in Johnson County.

Incumbent Republican State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins is facing a challenge from Democrat Larry Wilson.

Incumbent Republican Commissioner of Insurance Sandy Praeger

is being challenged by Democrat Bonnie Sharp and Libertarian Patrick Wilbur.

In District 121 for the state House of Representatives, incumbent Republican Jim Morrison of Colby is being challenged by Libertarian Dannis Robison of St. Peter and Reform Party candidate Art R. Richmond of Selden.

There will be a new member of the state Board of Education from District 5, where Democrat Tim Cruz of Garden City is facing Republican Sally Cauble of Liberal to replace Republican Connie Morris of St. Francis, who lost to Cauble in the primary.

On election day, all Sherman County voters will cast ballots at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main in Goodland.

matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department:

Oct. 2 — 2:15 p.m., 1500 Sherman, a 1991 Cadillac driven by Wayne R. Spence pulled to the side of the street to make a U-turn in front of his house. He did not see a 1980 Pontiac driven by Anthony L. Garza, and struck the Pontiac in the right rear fender.

Oct. 7 — 11 a.m., 11 Center, a 1994 Chevrolet owned by Rosetta Whiteman was parked at an odd angle in a parking space. A 2006 Ford driven by Brooke Lexi Lennington was backing from the parking space next to the Chevrolet. Lennington said she did not see that the Chevrolet was parked at the angle, and she hit the Chevrolet.

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- 0-4 yrs 5 p.m.
- 5-9 yrs 5:30 p.m.
- 10-14 yrs 6 p.m.