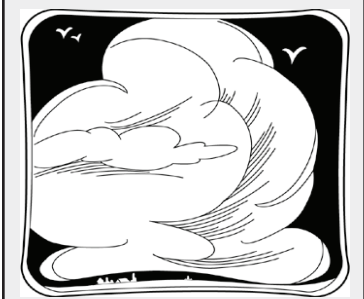




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Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light.

Friday...Partly sunny. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning...Then a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 30 percent. Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly sunny. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Monday...Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Wednesday...Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday's low, high: 62, 85. 1.23 precipitation
Water usage
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Thomas County's 4-H club was one of several groups awarded for their participation in the Thomas County Fair parade held Saturday. Antique vehicles: 1st, Bill Brooks, Brewster; 2nd, Larry Havel, Colby; 3rd, Bruce Flipse, Colby. Antique farm: 1st, Mark Woods, Colby; 2nd, Bill Biel, Colby; 3rd, Walt Biggs, McDonald. Animal drawn vehicles: 1st, Wilbur Henry, Colby. Organization/personal float: 1st, Hi Plains Shrine Club; 2nd, 170th Maintenance Company, Colby; 3rd, John Woods, Colby. Horse and Saddle: 1st, Brecken Howell, Dedra Koehn, no address. Business floats: 1st, Frontier Ag; 2nd, Colby Implement; 3rd, Colby Ag. 4-H Clubs: 1st, Thomas County 4-H Council. Children category Organization/personal float: 1st, AYSO Soccer, Colby. Decorated wheel vehicle: 1st, Samantha Skolout, Colby.

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Senator Brownback to visit
western Kansas counties

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback will tour 10 western Kansas counties as part of his statewide tour, stopping in Sherman County next Wednesday to tour the Goodland Energy Center.

The stop here will be the last of the 10 Brownback will cover in two days, bringing him nearly full circle from his starting point. He will start in Cheyenne County, traveling to Rawlins, Decatur, Sheridan and Thomas next Tuesday. They next day, he'll start in Gove County and cover Logan, Wichita, Greeley and Wallace, ending up in Sherman County.

Brownback will start the tour at 9:30 a.m. (Mountain time) next Tuesday at the Main Street Coffee in St. Francis.

He will meet people at 11:30 p.m. in Atwood at Williams Brothers Supermarket.

At 1 p.m., he'll be at the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center in Oberlin, and at 3 p.m. at the Midwest Energy Community Room in Hoxie.

Brownback's last stop of the day will be at 6 p.m. at the Thomas County Chamber of Commerce in Colby.

Next Wednesday morning, the senator's first stop will be at 7 a.m. (Mountain Time) in Gove, then he'll stop off at a 13-county Area Energy Conference at the Colonial Steakhouse banquet room north of Oakley at 9 a.m.

Brownback will stop in Leoti at 10:30 a.m. at the Wichita County Business CARE Center, and at the Greeley County courthouse in Tribune at noon (Mountain time).

He will be at the Wallace County Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. in Sharon Springs.

His last stop is to be at 3 p.m. for a tour of the Goodland Energy Center.

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