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Secretary expects 250 at summit

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Looking to the future, he said, environmental laws will tighten in other parts of the country and the midwest will be the only viable place for large-scale agriculture. Kansas should position itself to take advantage of that, he said, but it needs the water to do so. With the aquifer depleting and severe drought in some parts of the state, conservation becomes vital.

"The summits are to ask, 'what can we do?'" he said.

Rodman said the summit will begin with speakers on subjects like conservation and the philosophy behind the current water laws. Then the governor will chair a round table with water experts, economists and

business leaders. After that the audience will break up into groups to discuss different issues like water rights, laws and agriculture.

"I'm very excited to see what people have to say," he said.

At the end of the summit, the groups will gather together again. Rodman said the idea is to leave the meeting with a plan of action.

"This isn't a meeting just to have a meeting," he said. "We want to come out of the meeting with a plan to go forward."

The governor has organized a series of these summits to discuss job growth in different sectors. Rodman said he has been to two so far, one on animal health and another on the military. The meetings have produced

some good results, he said, with the public bringing up new ideas, such as suggesting that the pharmacy school at the University of Kansas could have an impact on the animal health industry.

Rodman said since he was appointed secretary he has been traveling in the Ogallala Aquifer area. When talking to the public, water issues always came up, so Rodman suggested to the governor that one of the summits should cover the aquifer.

Rodman said he suspects one of the focuses of the summit will be the "use it or lose it" law, which takes away rights to pump wells if they are not used. Dryland farmers might be pumping their wells even if they don't need to, he said, just so they won't lose the water rights.

Group looking to save reservoir

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the effort to drain Bonnie Reservoir.

In a letter on July 6, written to Audrey Hase of Kirk, Colo., Gov Brownback said the decision to drain the reservoir has been made by Colorado, and Kansas has not requested this action.

"While there are several other options for Colorado, Colorado has chosen to drain Bonnie, even though that draining will not benefit Kansas," Brownback said in his letter.

Brownback suggests people contact the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation office in Grand Island, Neb., to ask for this to be stopped.

"Finally, I would like to stress Kansas has filed suit against Nebraska regarding its noncompliance with the compact, not Colorado," Brownback said. "Because Colorado is a party to the compact, it is a named party in the lawsuit, but Kansas seeks no relief against Colorado at this time."

Hase wrote back to Brownback last week saying she was pleased to read he and Kansas are not really in favor of draining Bonnie Reservoir.

"It was very eye opening and pleasing to be advised Kansas does not support the draining of Bonny Reservoir," Hase wrote.

Hase said people in Eastern Colorado have formed a grassroots group of around 1,100 members, in the last four weeks, trying to save the reservoir. The group's information can be found on Facebook at Eastern Colorado Irrigation/Water Issues.

She said from talking to Alexandra Davis of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources the sticking point appears to be the evaporation from Bonnie Lake being held negatively against Colorado's Compact Al-

location. She said this amounts to about 5,000 acre feet a year, and the suggestion being made is to allow all three states to subtract 5,000 acre feet off their debit allocation page each year.

Hase urged Brownback to negotiate the evaporation option with Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Davis before the reservoir is scheduled to be drained.

"I have spoken with Davis and she feels the ball is in your court at this point," Hase wrote to Brownback.

Brownback will be in Colby on Thursday to hold an economic summit on the future of the Ogallala aquifer. The summit will be held at Colby Community College.

Hase and Lincoln Wilson of Goodland, are hoping people interested in saving Bonnie will attend and get a chance to talk to the governor and other state officials about saving the lake.

"This reservoir is and has been a valuable asset to both Northwest Kansas and the plains of Eastern Colorado," Wilson said. "The drainage of this asset would in-fact represent a substantial economic and environmental loss to both areas."

Wilson has written to State Representative Rick Billinger and others in the legislature about the issue, and asked them to support saving Bonnie Reservoir.

Wilson said the State of Colorado has admitted drainage of Bonny Reservoir will not place Colorado in compliance with the compact agreement. They are "hoping" it will be viewed as a step in the right direction and would be looked upon favorably by the courts, he said.

The bottom line is draining Bonnie Reservoir is a one time measure, and by draining it in September the water will not benefit farmers in the states it flows through, Wilson said.

Heat and humidity cooks midwest states

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in the 80s and you're at 102, there are big health concerns," because fewer people have air conditioning or fans, Jacks said. "Heat is the No. 1 killer out of all weather hazards."

What's more, because of the humidity, even nighttime brings little relief.

"It's been 100 degrees at 11 o'clock, lately, at night," said Curtis Mark, who was servicing air conditioners Tuesday at the Greer County Courthouse in Mangum, Okla., where the temperature was 106 degrees at noon. "Stay indoors is about all I do."

Fellow Oklahoman Norma Lauer of Granite said she puts cold water on her hands and arms before going to bed and then lies down "without covering up on the bed, under the fan" and with the air condi-

tioner running.

Thunderstorms can develop around the perimeter of the dome - called the "ring of fire" - bringing temporary relief to some areas, said Kevin Birk, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Illinois. But this dome is so large that the heat rebuilds quickly, Birk said.

While heat domes aren't uncommon, this one is unusual because of its size and duration. It began three days ago and may last seven to 10 days in some locations. And it's moving eastward, with temperatures expected to reach 100 degrees in Washington by Thursday.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration records show that the United States broke 25 local high records for the date on Monday.

Local company may partner with national wireless alliance

S&T Communications announced today that it has signed an agreement with NetAmerica Alliance to study bringing 4G wireless service to northwest Kansas.

NetAmerica, an alliance of independent cell service carriers, will do a business case analysis, which will look at partnering with S&T to start 4G Long Term Evolution service - a new, fast wireless network - in the local company's existing coverage area. S&T currently provides service to 13 counties. The company already holds a portion of the 4G spectrum covering 11,055 square miles and a population of 46,395 people.

The business case analysis is a step toward becoming a charter member of NetAmerica. The alliance would provide S&T

with buying power, nationwide branding, marketing and training programs, a network operations center, core networking elements, applications development and nationwide roaming arrangements.

"The NetAmerica Alliance model is compelling and doing a detailed business case analysis allows us to understand how that model helps us succeed and enables us to focus on what we need to do to be successful when we roll out a 4G LTE service," said Steve Richards, chief executive officer of S&T. "We are pleased to be taking this next step with NetAmerica and appreciate how closely we are aligned on our vision for rural America."

S&T would join more than 50 other 4G carriers that are partnered with NetAmerica.

Briefly

Register early for youth soccer league

Early registration for the American Youth Soccer Organization will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Pioneer Memorial Library. Early registration fee is \$45 through Saturday and \$50 after that. Volunteer applications will also be available. For information, call Emily Griffin 460-0647.

Carnival association looking for volunteers

The Thomas County Amusement Association is looking for volunteers for the Thomas County Free Fair, which runs from Tuesday to Saturday, July 26 to 30. They are looking for volunteers to help work the ball of chance, ring toss and the prize booth. Shifts are available from 7 to 9 p.m. and 9 to 11 p.m. To volunteer, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 460-3401.

Entries needed for county fair parade

Get your entry in before Friday for the Thomas County Fair Parade. The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Eighth Street and Franklin Avenue. The parade will follow Franklin to Cedar Street where it will turn right and continue to Range Avenue and end at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Registration forms are available at the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. Range. For information, call 460-3401.

Order fresh fruit from youth group

The annual Catholic Youth Organization fruit sale is under way. Reserve an order of freestone peaches, Bartlett pears and Gala apples through Wednesday, Aug. 17, by calling Megan Augustine at the Sacred Heart Parish rectory at 462-2179. Pickup day will be at 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

School enrollment to begin in August

Enroll your kids in Sacred Heart Catholic School from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the school. New students will need to bring a physical forms, social security card, birth certificate and immunization records. For information, call Principal Dave Evert at 460-2813.

Congressman to send representatives here


A representative from Rep. Tim Huelskamp's office will have office hours in Colby from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in the county commissioners' room in the courthouse. The constituent services representative will be available to help people who need assistance with federal agencies and programs like Social Security, Medicare, Veterans' Affairs, and visas. For information, call Huelskamp's Dodge City office at (620) 225-0172 or visit huelskamp.house.gov.

Monday:	High, 101; Low 71
Tuesday:	High, 102; Low 65
Precip:	Monday None
	Tuesday None
Month:	2.40 inches
Year:	11.44 inches
Normal:	13.61 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)	
Sunrise and Sunset	
Thursday	6:34 a.m. 9:06 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)	
Colby Water Use	
Monday	3,036,000 gal.
Tuesday	3,292,000 gal.
(Colby Public Works)	



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Thursday Evening July 21, 2011										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Expedition Imp.		Rookie Blue		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Big Bang	Rules	Big Brother		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Community	Parks	Office	30 Rock	Love Bites		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	So You Think		Glee		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		First 48: Missing		First 48: Missing		The First 48	
AMC	Conan the Barbarian				Conan the Barbarian					
ANIM	River Monsters		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		River Monsters		To Be Announced	
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Happens	Housewives/NYC	NYC	
CMT	Sweet Home Alabama		Sweet Home Alabama		Texas Women		Sweet Home Alabama		Texas Women	
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ugly Amer	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Ugly Amer
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Alaskan Monster Hunt		Sons of Guns		Alaskan Monster Hunt		Sons of Guns	
DISN	Good Luck	Shake It	WALL-E		ANT Farm	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards		
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Kardash	Kardash	Ice-Coco	Ice-Coco	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Softball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live
ESPN2	2011 Home Run Derby				Softball		SportsNation		SportsNation	
FAM	Goonies	Willy Wonka			The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	24 Hour Rest. Battle		Chopped		Extreme Chef		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
FX	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	Louie	Wilfred	
HGTV	First	Selling	Selling	Novogratz	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Novogratz
HIST	Swamp People		Swamp People		Ancient Aliens				Swamp People	
LIFE	Project Runway				Project Runway		Hef's Runaway Bride		Chris	How I Met
MTV	True Life		True Life		True Life		True Life		Awkward.	True Life
NICK	Family	My Wife	Lopez	Lopez	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show
SCI	Captain America II		Captain America				Captain America			
SPIKE	Jail	Jail	IMPACT Wrestling				Deadliest Warrior		MANswers	MANswers
TBS	Journey-Center				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy			Lopez Tonight	
TCM	Drums of Africa				Harum Scarum				Jewel of Nile	
TLC	NY Ink		NY Ink		NY Ink		NY Ink		NY Ink	
TNT	Bones		Bones		CSI: NY		CSI: NY		Franklin & Bash	
TOON	Regular	MAD	King-Hill	King-Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Childrens	Aqua Unit
TRAV	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food	Man, Food
TV LAND	AllFamily	AllFamily	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond	
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Suits		Covert Affairs		Burn Notice	
VH1	Celebrity Rehab		Saturday Night Live				The Blues Brothers			
WGN	Chris	Chris	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk
Premium Channels										
HBO	Catch Me	Despicable Me			Curb	Katie	Cathouse	REAL Sports Gumbel		
MAX	Twelve	Machete			Mobsters					
SHOW	Back	The Big C	Web Ther.	The Big C	Weeds	Franchise	Green	Franchise	Green	Holy Roll



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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Shark Tank		Primetime: What		20/20		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KBSL/CBS	Flashpoint		CSI: NY		Blue Bloods		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late	
KSNK/NBC	Who Do You		Dateline NBC				Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late	
KSAS/FOX	Bones		House		Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds				Criminal Minds	
AMC	League-Own						Deep Blue Sea			
ANIM	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Finding Bigfoot		Whale Wars		Finding Bigfoot	
BRAVO	Platinum Hit		The Break-Up				The Break-Up			
CMT	Truck	Truck	Truck	Truck	Fried		Fried	Fried	Smarter	Smarter
CNN	In the Arena		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tommy Boy				Comedy	Comedy	Chappelle	Chappelle
DISC	Man vs. Wild		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers		Swamp Loggers	
DISN	Toy Story		PrankStar	Vampire	Vampire	Random	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Shake It	Wizards
E!	Sex and t	Sex and t	Sex and t	Sex and t	Sex and t	Sex and t	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	
ESPN	Softball				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live
ESPN2	ATP Tennis		Boxing				MMA Live	ISKA	ISKA	E:60
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Heat See.	The Best	Monster Donuts	Diners	Diners	
FX	Iron Man						Pelham 123			
HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters