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COUNTDOWN: GAME DAY

Some good places to eat: (while driving north on State Line Road) **Gates BBQ**, left on west 103rd terrace. **Taco Bell, McDonalds, Subway, Panera**, right on west 103rd Street. **Popeye's Chicken** and **Mr. Goodcents**, in the State Line Shopping Center, north of 103rd on right.

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Republican presidential candidate John McCain makes his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., on Thursday night.

McCain raises change

■ Republican vows to end partisan bickering, asks for country to fight with him.

By DAVID ESPINO AND ROBERT FURLOW

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain, a POW turned political rebel, vowed Thursday night to vanquish the “constant partisan rancor” that grips Washington as he launched his fall campaign for the White House. “Change is coming,” he promised the roaring Republican National Convention and a prime-time television audience.

“Fight with me. Fight with me. Fight with me. Fight for what’s right for our country,” he said in a convention crescendo.

To repeated cheers from his delegates, McCain made only passing reference to an unpopular George W. Bush and criticized fellow Republicans as well as Democratic rival Barack Obama in reaching out to independents and swing voters who will pick the next president.

“We were elected to change Washington, and we let Washington change us,” he said of the Republicans who controlled Congress for a dozen years before

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Kansas Delegates from left, Caryn Tysm, of Parker, Helen Van Etten, of Topeka, and Elsha Noble, of Derby, cheer for Sen. Sam Brownback as he speaks during the Republican National Convention on Thursday.

Brownback: Nominee will keep his word

■ Lauding McCain, Kansas senator also confirms own plan to run for governor.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — It wasn’t the acceptance speech he once hoped to deliver, but Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback took the podium for a few minutes Thursday night at the Republican National Convention to praise John McCain as a “bold and aggressive” candidate “giv-

en to action more than words.”

Brownback, who played a key role in helping McCain reach out to — and reassure — skeptical social conservatives, called the Arizona senator “a friend of mine, a colleague and an inspiration.”

“From the halls of the Naval Academy, to the hole of the Hanoi Hilton, from confronting cancer to making history with his vice presidential selection, John McCain lives for something bigger than himself,” Brownback said.

His prime-time speech began just after 8:20 p.m. CDT, about two hours before McCain was to take the stage to accept his party’s presidential nomination.

Brownback called McCain both a “history maker” and a “history breaker” for selecting Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate.

“But that’s not what I like most about John McCain,” Brownback said. “What I like about John McCain is that he

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Brian Weber, delegate and blogger

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New name beginning of big plan

■ Hospital will ask county for bonds to fund tower, upgrades.

By MARY CLARKIN

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The newly named Promise Regional Medical Center is moving closer to a more than \$100 million renovation and expansion campaign.

Architectural renderings — displayed inside the

entrance of the formerly named Hutchinson Hospital, 1701 E. 23rd Ave. — show how a planned critical-care tower would be constructed northwest of the hospital.

The tower represents “the most essential piece” of the proposed project, said Linda Harrison, president and chief executive officer of Promise Regional Medical Center. The hospital’s critical-care units were designed

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Mary Clarkin/The Hutchinson News

Initial renderings of a proposed expansion at Promise Regional Medical Center, 1701 E. 23rd, show a critical-care structure that would tower over the existing hospital.

Slattery, Roberts to face off at fair

By THE NEWS STAFF

Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts and his Democratic challenger, former Congressman Jim Slattery, will take the stage Saturday at the Kansas State Fair for their first debate.

Scheduled to start at 11 a.m. in the outdoor AT&T Arena on the fairgrounds, the hour-long debate will be open to fairgoers.

Kelly Lenz, with the Kansas Agriculture Network, will serve as moderator. Questions will come from a three-member media panel: Jan Lunsford, with radio’s Kansas Information Network; Ralph Hipp, with WIBW-TV in Topeka; and Patrick Lowry, editor and publisher of The Hays Daily

News. The debate will be carried live on WIBW-AM580 Radio and on many Kansas Radio Network stations.

A tape of the debate will be broadcast at 6 p.m. Sunday on the public television station KPTS, Wichita, and at 8 p.m. Sunday on Smoky Hills Public Television, Bunker Hill.

Roberts, Dodge City, is running for a third term in the Senate. Slattery, Topeka, represented the 2nd Congressional District from 1983 to 1995.

This is the first of three debates scheduled between Roberts and Slattery. On Oct. 14 they will participate in a debate in Wichita, and on Oct. 15 they will debate in the Kansas City area.

Louis Lindeman reads “Reader’s Digest” as Alice polishes her tennis shoes Thursday morning in their camper at the Kansas State Fair.

Sandra J. Milburn/The Hutchinson News



RV campers hook up with friends and utilities

■ Camping in comfort brings in nearly \$80,000 for fair every year.

By KATHY HANKS

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The campground has the early-morning smell of coffee.

But the Kansas State Fair



RV Park has no perking pots over open fires. Instead, Louis Lindeman sips his morning brew at the kitchen counter of his fifth-wheel camper just outside the gates of the fair-

grounds.

Lindeman and his wife, Alice, from Oakley, reserved one of the 211 full hook-ups that provide electricity, water and sewage through the duration of the Kansas State Fair.

They booked early last spring, a must for this popular campground, which

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Submit your fair photos to hutchnews.com by clicking the photo submit button on the fair page. The News will take submissions today through the end of the fair, and the best photos will be printed Sept. 14 in Ad Astra.

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State fair participants, arriving for yearly “party”
Fellow fairgoers,
Your presence is our gain,
in more ways than one.

Yours, Hutch

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