

## Big First Listening Tour

### 2008 Big First Listening Tour

This marks the completion of my twelfth annual Big First Listening Tour. Traveling the state on my annual tour provides a great opportunity to listen to Kansans. I continue this tradition to make sure I know what is on the minds of Kansans and to bring their thoughts and concerns back to Washington, D.C., where I work to address them.

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Counties Visited:

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Barber | Barton | Chase | Cheyenne

Clark | Clay | Cloud | Comanche

Decatur | Dickinson | Edwards | Ellis

Ellsworth | Finney | Ford | Geary

Gove | Graham | Grant | Gray | Greeley

Greenwood | Hamilton | Haskell | Hodgeman

Jewell | Kearny | Kiowa | Lane | Lincoln

Logan | Lyon | Marion | Marshall

McPherson | Meade | Mitchell | Morris | Morton

Nemaha | Ness | Norton | Osborne | Ottawa

Pawnee | Phillips | Pratt | Rawlins

Reno | Republic | Rice | Rooks | Rush

Russell | Saline | Scott | Seward | Sheridan

Sherman | Smith | Stafford | Stanton

Stevens | Thomas | Trego | Wabaunsee

Wallace | Washington | Wichita

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Monday, November 12, 2007

McPherson County Tour Stop, Inman

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Community Center, 201 N. Locust

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Saline County Tour Stop, Salina

Time: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Location: Kansas Wesleyan University, Fitzpatrick Auditorium, Fine Arts Building, 100 East Claflin Ave.

Monday, November 19, 2007

Seward County Tour Stop, Liberal

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Seward Community College, 1801 N. Kansas Ave.

Monday, November 26, 2007

Wichita County Tour Stop, Leoti

Time: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Location: Wichita County Business CARE Center, 102 W. Broadway

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Stevens County Tour Stop, Hugoton

\*NEW TIME: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Ranchito Cafe, 611 S. Main St.

Morton County Tour Stop, Rolla

\*NEW TIME: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Location: Rolla High School Cafeteria, 203 Van Buren St.

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

Greenwood County Tour Stop, Madison

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Sauder Center, 110 S. First St.

Thursday, November 29, 2007

Lyon County Tour Stop, Emporia

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: Kiwanis Club, Emporia Country Club, 1801 N. Rural

Monday, December 3, 2007

Ford County Tour Stop, Dodge City

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Casey's Cowtown Club, 503 E. Trail St.

Friday, December 7, 2007

Marshall County Tour Stop, Waterville

Time: 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Location: Community Center, 136 E. Commercial

Republic County Tour Stop, Belleville

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Belleville Country Club, 2208 Country Club Dr.

Thursday, December 27, 2007

Cloud County Tour Stop, Concordia

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Cloud County Community College, 2221 Campus Dr.

Clay County Tour Stop, Clifton

Time: 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Location: First National Bank, Board Room, 103 E. Parallel St.

Friday, December 28, 2007

Meade County Tour Stop, Meade

Time: 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Location: Meade District Hospital, Rosson Room, 510 E. Carthage

Saturday, December 29, 2007

Rooks County Tour Stop, Damar

Time: 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Location: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Parrish Hall, 107 N. Oak

Wednesday, January 2, 2008

Pawnee County Tour Stop, Larned

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital, Brenner Room, 923 Carroll Ave.

Monday, January 7, 2008

Ellis County Tour Stop, Hays

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Fox Pavillion, 1202 Main St.

Note: Lunch available to public for purchase. RSVP to Larry Dreiling at 785-628-1117.



Graham County Tour Stop, Hill City

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Cowboy Junction, 2649 280th Ave.

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Rush County Tour Stop, LaCrosse

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, Four Corner Restaurant, Intersection of North Highway 183 and Highway 4

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Sherman County Tour Stop, Goodland

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m. MST / 10:00-11:00 a.m. CST

Location: Northwest Kansas Technical College, Student Union, 1209 Harrison St.

Friday, January 11, 2008

Gove County Tour Stop, Quinter

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: Ray's Pharmacy, 324 Main St.

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Kiowa County Tour Stop, Haviland

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Kiowa County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Barclay College Broadhurst Student Center, 512 N. Kingman

Notes: This will be a banquet meeting with limited seating. Purchase tickets at any of the five Kiowa County bank locations in Mullinville, Greensburg or Haviland.

Monday, January 21, 2008

Reno County Tour Stop, Buhler

Time: 3:45 - 4:45 PM

Location: Buhler Grade School, Media Center, 808 N. Main St.

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Jewell County Tour Stop, Mankato

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Community Center, Meeting Room, 214 N. High, Suite 1

Osborne County Tour Stop, Downs

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, United Methodist Church of Downs, Basement, 1000 N. Morgan

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Mitchell County Tour Stop, Beloit

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Lions Club, North Central Kansas Technical College, Student Union Conference Room, 3033 US Highway 24

Lincoln County Tour Stop, Lincoln

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Finch Theater, Community Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave.

Ottawa County Tour Stop, Bennington

Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Bennington High School Cafeteria, 301 N. Putnam

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Ellsworth County Tour Stop, Ellsworth

Time: 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Location: Kiwanis Club, Crossroads Restaurant, Highway 140 and Highway 156 Junction

Rice County Tour Stop, Bushton

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Bushton Community Center, 301 N. Main St.

Friday, January 25, 2008

Thomas County Tour Stop, Rexford

Time: 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Location: Golden Plains School, Gymnasium, 335 School St.

Sheridan County Tour Stop, Selden

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Community Center, 110 N. Kansas Ave.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Nemaha County Tour Stop, Seneca

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: Country Place Senior Living, 1700 Community Drive

Washington County Tour Stop, Washington

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Mayberry's Restaurant, 307 C St.

Geary County Tour Stop, Junction City

Time: 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Location: Larry Dixon Center for Innovative Studies, 920 W. 6th Street

Thursday, January 31, 2008

Smith County Tour Stop, Gaylord

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Gaylord Community Center, Main Room, 509 Main St.

Phillips County Tour Stop, Phillipsburg

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Branding Iron Restaurant, 1310 State St.

Russell County Tour Stop, Russell

Time: 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Russell Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, AmericInn, 1430 S. Fossil St.

Friday, February 1, 2008

Edwards County Tour Stop, Kinsley

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: City Hall Community Room, 721 Marsh St.

Stafford County Tour Stop, Macksville

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.



Location: Macksville High School, Library, 417 N. Gilmore St.

Saturday, February 2, 2008

Trego County Tour Stop, WaKeeney

Time: 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Location: Western Cooperative Electric, Community Room, 635 13th St.

Monday, February 4, 2008

Barton County Tour Stop, Great Bend

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Highland Hotel, 3017 W. 10th

Monday, February 11, 2008

Morris County Tour Stop, Council Grove

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Kiwanis Club, Pizza Hut, 15 N. Union St.

Monday, February 18, 2008

Rawlins County Tour Stop, Atwood

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: Farmers Bank & Trust, 101 S. 4th St.

Decatur County Tour Stop, Oberlin

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Oberlin Chamber of Commerce, hospitality room, 104 S. Penn Ave.

Norton County Tour Stop, Norton

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Town and Country Kitchen, E Highway 36

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Finney County Tour Stop, Holcomb

Time: 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Location: Holcomb High School Auditorium, 600 N. Jones St.

Gray County Tour Stop, Cimarron

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Richie's Café, 408 W. Avenue A

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Cheyenne County Tour Stop, St. Francis

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Main Street Coffee, 216 W. Washington

Wallace County Tour Stop, Sharon Springs

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m. MST

Location: Rotary Club, Stephen's Restaurant, Junction 27 & 40

Friday, February 22, 2008

Ness County Tour Stop, Ransom

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: VFW Post #7972, 398 S. Vermont Ave.

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Hodgeman County Tour Stop, Hanston

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 204 W. Monroe

Monday, March 3, 2008

Marion County Tour Stop, Peabody

Time: 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Location: Senior Center, 106 N. Walnut

Chase County Tour Stop, Elmdale

Time: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Location: United Methodist Church, basement meeting room, 301 Spruce

Friday, March 7, 2008

Wabaunsee County Tour Stop, Wabaunsee

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Cottonwood School House, 39966 Hwy 99

Dickinson County Tour Stop, Abilene

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Abilene Country Club, 1705 Country Club Lane

Monday, March 17, 2008

Comanche County Tour Stop, Coldwater

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location: Main Street

Clark County Tour Stop, Ashland

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Main Street

Friday, March 21, 2008

Barber County Tour Stop, Hazelton

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Community Building, 414 E. Main

Pratt County Tour Stop, Pratt

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Pratt Municipal Building, 117 W. 3rd

Monday, March 24, 2008

Greeley County Tour Stop, Tribune

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. MDT / 12:00-1:00 p.m. CDT

Location: Greeley County Hospital Lobby, 506 Third St.

Hamilton County Tour Stop, Syracuse

Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m. MDT / 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT

Location: Hamilton County Library Meeting Room, 102 W. Avenue C

Kearny County Tour Stop, Lakin



Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: Kearny County Hospital, Classroom, 500 Thorpe

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Haskell County Tour Stop, Satanta

Time: 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Location: Centera Bank Fiesta Room, 218 N. Sequoyah St.

Stanton County Tour Stop, Johnson City

Time: 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Location: Stanton County High School Auditorium, 200 W. Weaver

Grant County Tour Stop, Ulysses

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Club, Grant County Library, 215 E. Grant

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Logan County Tour Stop, Oakley

Time: 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Location: Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, Room A, 703 W. 2nd St.

Thursday, March 27, 2008

Scott County Tour Stop, Scott City

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Main Street

Lane County Tour Stop, Dighton

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Main Street