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Senator Bob, Elizabeth Dole Arrive in Russell

Senator Bob and Elizabeth Dole will be coming home to Russell today to conclude their whirlwind tour of announcing his candidacy for the president of the United States.

Since first formally announcing his intentions on Monday at Topeka's ExpoCentre, Senator and Mrs. Dole have visited New York, New Hampshire, Ohio, Iowa, Denver, Dallas, Florida and the Carolinas.

Senator and Mrs. Dole were expected to land at Hays Airport at 5:20 p.m. today, and were expected to arrive in Russell about 6 p.m.

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Senator and Mrs. Dole will be participating in a community pancake breakfast in their behalf at the VFW Post No. 6240 Hall.

Senator Dole is expected to address his hometown well-wishers with some remarks between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Senator and Mrs. Dole will attend Good Friday noon church services at Russell's Otterbein United

Methodist Church. On Saturday, Senator and Mrs. Dole will depart for Washington, D.C., from Hays Airport.

City Council Unanimously Approves 'Bob Dole Drive'

Urged by members of Russell's VFW Post No. 6240 and spokesman Russell Townsley, the Russell City Council unanimously approved a request to change the name of the two-block roadway between the Russell municipal tennis courts and the VFW Hall from Memorial Park Drive to Bob Dole Drive.

The council also approved a directive to have all necessary changes completed before Sen. Dole's community pancake breakfast at the VFW Hall on Friday, April 14.

VFW members on hand for the Council's action included Commander Jerry Willis, G. B. "Bub" Dawson, Norman Staab and Jack Driscoll.

Dole Staff Will Hold Open Visits

WASHINGTON — Kansas Senator Bob Dole's mobile office will visit 18 communities in western Kansas from April 17 through April 20. Staff assistant Johnny Gaffney will hold open meetings as part of a constituent service tour, focused on responding to the comments and inquiries of voters across Kansas.

The public is welcome to voice any concerns on current issues. Information on pending legislation also will be available. Any person or group needing assistance in dealing with federal government affairs, such as veterans issues or Social Security, is encouraged to speak with Senator Dole's representative.

The following are the dates, times and locations of the mobile office tour:

On April 17 at 8 a.m., Post Rock Cafe, Highway 18, Lincoln; at 10 a.m., Crossroads Restaurant, Highway 140 and 56 Junction, Ellsworth; at 5:30 p.m., Western Cooperative Electric Company, Community Room, East 1-70 and Highway 283.

On April 18 at 7:30 a.m., Gove County Government Building, Community Room, Gove; at 9:30 a.m., Mitten's Cafe Meeting Room, East Highway 40, Oakley; at noon (MDT), 1 p.m. (CDT), Main Street Restaurant, Sharon Springs; at 2:30 p.m. (MDT), 3:30 p.m. (CDT), Greeley County Courthouse, Courtroom, Tribune; at 5:30 p.m., High Plains Restaurant, East Highway 96, Leoti.

On April 19 at 7:30 a.m., Scott County VIP Center, 301 Church, Scott City; at 9:30 a.m., Pizza Shack, 140 S. Lane, Dighton; at noon, Derrick Inn, East Highway 996, Ness City; at 2:30 p.m., Rush County Courthouse, second floor courtroom, La Crosse; at 5:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 123 N. Main St., Hoisington. On April 20 at 7:30 a.m., Barton County Courthouse Meeting Room No. 106, Great Bend; at 9:30 a.m., Waxy's Cafe Meeting Room, 18 N. Main St., Ellinwood; at noon, Hotel LY-Kan., Sunflower Room, 105 W. First St., Lyons.

RHS Band Plays for Dole's Announcement

Members of the Russell High School Band participated in the presidential announcement activities of Senator Bob Dole at the ExpoCentre in Topeka Monday. All 69 band members made the trip in two buses.

The buses left Russell at 3:30 a.m. At 8 a.m. the band and bands from Topeka High School and Washburn Rural High School rotated playing background music as the crowd entered the hall.

During Dole's announcement activities the RHS band played two numbers, "Stand Up and Cheer" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Steve Lueth, band director, said band members were very pleased that as he exited the building after his presidential announcement address, Senator Dole visited with the band members.

Dean Boxberger of Russell and Marvin Paulson of Gorham drove the buses.

The band members returned to Russell at 3 p.m. Monday.

Russell Countians Plan Special Homecoming For Sen. Bob Dole

Russell and Russell County residents are planning a Homecoming Reception for United States Senator Bob Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, Friday, April 14. The non-partisan event will be in the Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240 Hall and the nearby Memorial Park from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

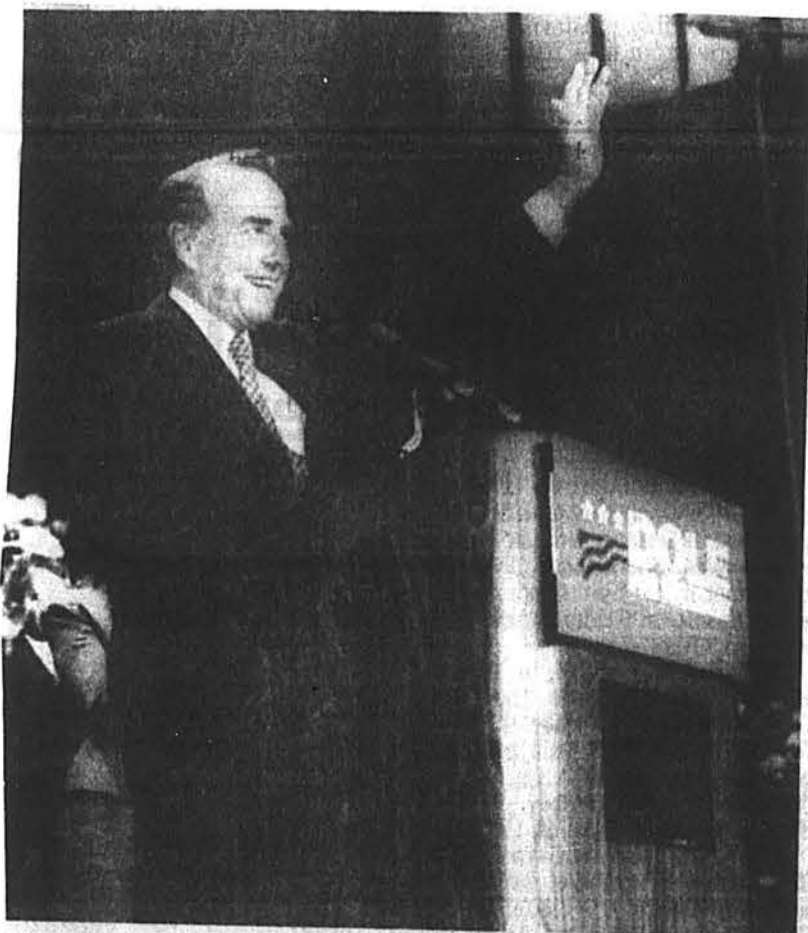
The recognition and reception will provide Kansans an opportunity to renew friendships with Senator and Mrs. Dole and will give the Doles an opportunity to meet and greet their many Kansas friends. A free pancake breakfast will be provided, with serving continuously from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The homecoming will mark the climax of a busy week of Dole's campaign as he seeks the Republican nomination for president. The big week opened with a Prayer Breakfast followed by a formal announcement of the senator's bid for the nomination from the Kansas ExpoCentre in Topeka, on Monday, April 10. In the whirlwind campaign swing beginning the same day, Dole announced his candidacy in New Hampshire, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, Florida and North Carolina before coming home Thursday, April 13, to Russell, where he was born and grew to manhood.

Friday had special meaning to Senator Dole. It was 50 years ago, April 14, 1945, when Lt. Dole received near-fatal wounds while engaged in an assault on a hill in the Italian Alps where he was serving with the United States Army's 10th Mountain Division. In the long years of recuperation and rehabilitation, the former athlete, who wanted to become a doctor, found he could continue to serve his people and country in law and public service.

Senator Dole and Elizabeth will attend the informal breakfast as their time permits, and plan to meet with constituents and supporters during the morning's activities. The breakfast homecoming reception will be open to all, regardless of political affiliations. The Doles are looking forward to seeing their many friends.

Additional information may be obtained from the Russell Chamber of Commerce, phone 913-483-6960; Russell Main Street, Inc., 913-483-2897; The Russell Daily News, 913-483-2116; or Russell Radio KRSL-KCAY, 913-483-3121.



"I KNOW THE WAY" — While formally announcing his bid for the presidency Monday morning at the Kansas ExpoCentre in Topeka, Sen. Bob Dole said to the crowd of perhaps 15,000: "My friends, I have the experience. I have been tested and tested and tested in many ways. I am not afraid to lead, and I know the way." (Staff Photo)



ONWARD, UPWARD! — After his formal announcement as a GOP presidential candidate Monday at the Kansas ExpoCentre in Topeka Monday, Sen. Bob Dole, wife Elizabeth and daughter Robin joined with upwards

of 15,000 well-wishers who cheered, "We want Dole!" At one point, the Senator answered, "You're going to get him!" (Staff Photo)