

# Colby American Legion hosting district convention here

Colby American Legion Post 363 will host the 39 Legion Posts of the Sixth District at the annual district convention Saturday and Sunday at the Colby American Legion Post Home. The convention motel is the Quality Inn on South Range Avenue.

Registration for district and local Legionnaires begins at 4 p.m., Friday and the Post Home at Colby will remain open until midnight to greet arriving delegates, said Phil Finley, one of the coordinators.

Past District Officers Banquet will be at Quality Inn. The conven-

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tion motel for the Ladies Auxiliary district convention is the Quality Inn on South Range Avenue in Colby. The American Legion and Sons of the American Legion will

hold their conventions at the Legion Post Home in Colby.

Saturday morning is the opening session at 10 a.m. when the Colby Honor Guard installs the state and

national flags to signal the opening of the convention. Welcome to the city of Colby by Mayor Warren Hixson, a member of Post 363, will key the convention and at about 11 a.m. Rep. Jim Morrison will speak to the delegates about veterans' legislation in the 2004 legislative session in Topeka.

The auxiliary will then adjourn to the Quality Inn following the joint session which ends at noon. The American Legion and Sons of the American Legion will remain in session at the Post Home Saturday. Adjournment at 4 p.m. for the mem-

bership Star Members Party at the Colby Post Home, then the banquet for all delegates served by Hubert Cooper at the Post Home at 7 p.m. The banquet is followed by the "Off Limits" dance band, Dick and Maybelle Moore and Bill Summers at the conclusion of the banquet.

The public is invited to join the District 6 delegates and spouses for the public dance. Just show up at around 8 p.m. and pay at the door and join the delegates on the floor or wait in the lounge area until the music begins.

Colby Post 363 invites all mem-

bers of the American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion and their spouses to come out to the Sixth District Convention and plan to stay for the Saturday night public dance. Everyone in Legion, or non-Legion, Auxiliary or non-Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion or not are invited to the dance.

Sunday morning at 10 a.m. the Colby Honor Guard again brings the National and State Colors forward, the doors close and the memorial service to remember fallen is conducted.

The bugler is Lindsey Louder of Miltonvale, granddaughter of District chaplains Seth and Bonnie Louder.

Following the memorial service officers are installed and after a brief business session for the new officers, the meeting is adjourned.

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## Three students to receive scholarships at Tri-State meeting

OBERLIN — Three high school students, one each from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, have been selected for the Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development Scholarships.

Each student will receive \$250 and a plaque during the luncheon at the group's conference Thursday, officials with the initiative said.

The students will read their essays during the luncheon and talk

about their career plans.

The winner from Kansas is Andrea Sis from Atwood, who plans to attend Colby Community College. The scholarship is sponsored by First National Bank.

The Colorado winner is Katie Scott of Julesburg, who plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

The scholarship is sponsored by Worth Trust of Colorado, organiz-

ers said.

The Nebraska winner is Megan Grunden of Curtis, who plans to attend Fort Hays State University. That scholarship is sponsored by anonymous donors.

## Benefit tractor pull and show planned in Goodland

GOODLAND — When members of the Sunflower Spinners heard that Doug Hilty had needed another surgery and was worried about funding, they said they felt compelled to help their friend and fellow club member.

In order to help him, a benefit tractor pull and show is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25,

at the Sherman County Fairgrounds in Goodland. All entrants are asked to register between 8:30 and 10 a.m. and the pull will commence at 11 a.m. both days.

It took less than a few seconds to forever change the life of a young Sherman County farm hand in 1999, officials with the Sunflower Spinners Antique Tractor Pulling

Club, which is also sponsoring this event said. Since that time, Doug Hilty has lived in pain from injuries suffered in an accident while helping his boss, the late Craig Mann, unload machinery. The unrelenting pain has caused Doug to need four orthopedic and neurological surgeries as well as intense physical therapy and treatments, thereby

stretching his insurance and finances to their limits.

Hilty, a Goodland resident since 1970, and grandson of former Goodland business owners, the late Floyd and Wanda Hilty, was a mechanic by trade. In the spring of 1999 he was working with Craig Mann on his farm and as they were unloading a tool bar from a trailer,

the equipment slipped, crushing Doug's pelvis and severely injuring several organs.

He spent four weeks in a Denver hospital and has returned countless times for treatments and surgeries. In September, 2003, he underwent an orthopedic surgery hoping to alleviate some of the grueling pain and help him regain some mobility.

Hilty has been a member of the Sunflower Spinners Antique Tractor Pulling Club of Sherman County since its inception.

Pullers can pre-register by calling Bonnie Stasser at 899-5756 or Marla Harrison at 890-2610 before April 24.

## Straw bales catch fire, no damage to property

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a concert in Colby Sunday featuring a group from Branson, Mo.

Straw bales north of the home of Mark and Jill Hanson caught on fire Monday afternoon. Fortunately, Mark was able to move part of the bales and the fire was extinguished without any damage to property.

Allaire and Arla Homburg were Friday overnight guests of Aaron and Nicol Homburg and family. They all attended regional 4-H Day at Brewster Friday evening in which KaiLee Homburg participated. Saturday both families went to Oakley to watch the Blue Sharks play soccer. The young boys on the team are August Homburg, Ryan Gfeller, Eric Gfeller, Eric Rucker and Fred Schertz. On arriving home

the Homburg's discovered their little Chihuahua, Cocoa, had given birth to two baby puppies (breed yet to be determined). Wednesday, being Terran Homburg's birthday, her wish to take the two puppies to "head start" in Oakley to show her classmates was granted. After school Terran's friends, Cheyenne Palmer and Kiana Perez, came to her house to decorate birthday cupcakes. In the evening Terran's grandparents and uncle Terry and Ginger Dreiling and DelRay from Sharon Springs came to Winona for a family barbecue.

The Winona United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon. Erma Latham had the lesson and Lola Bretz served refreshments. Pastor Mike Eurit lead a meaningful Tenebrae service at the Winona

Methodist Church in the evening.

Kathy and Cassandra Dirks are members of the cast in the Easter pageant at the Scott County State Park. The commitment entails several practices and perhaps enduring inclement weather. They play dual roles, as angels and also in the multitude of people.

Gray clouds moved in under the clear blue sky Tuesday late afternoon and a minimal amount of moisture dropped from them. Approximately .15 fell in Winona. South Logan County reported "just a sprinkle."

The "Blue Sharks" have begun their AYSO spring soccer season. After finishing an enjoyable fall session, Coaches Cindy Gfeller and Christi Schertz have the boys back to fine form. Saturday games are

played in Colby and Oakley. Returning players include Eric Gfeller, Ryan Gfeller, August Homburg, Aaron Rucker and Fred Schertz.


"Walk Across Kansas" craze has struck Triplains-Winona! Three teams have formed with six participants per team. Team goals are to walk the distance in miles across Kansas, keeping weekly tabs during the eight-week program. The "Mighty Walkers" include Debbie Luckert, Cindy Gfeller, David Spencer, Andrea Plummer, Ruth Smith and Sheila Johnson. "Road Rage" includes Tricia Taylor, Lamar Bergsten, Jean Spencer, Pam Lewallen, Jean Bretz and Judy Collins. "Super Striders" are Aaron Homburg, Sandy Margheim, Linda Ayers, Kate Moorhouse, Christi Schertz and Jana Gfeller.

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