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Colby junior spends week at Girls State

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Colby High School junior Rachel Lamm has been chosen by the Dresden American Legion Auxiliary to attend the 67th annual session of Sunflower Girls State at the University of Kansas this week, from Sunday through Friday.

Participants are staying in one of the KU dormitories, Ellsworth Hall. Lamm said the Dresden auxiliary had sponsored her sister and cousin in past years.

The program involves about 325 young women who just completed high school doing political activities that mirror Kansas govern-

ment. The program's website says its purpose is to teach the youth of Kansas the inner workings of state government in a "Learn by Doing" atmosphere. The first Girls State was held at Washburn College in Topeka in 1939, though no sessions were held from 1943 through 1946.

The girls begin working at the city level before advancing to county and state work, the Legion says. They will visit the Capitol and Justice Center on Friday. During their week, they will "register" to vote, file nomination papers, conduct political campaigns and prepare and present speeches.

Lamm said what interests her

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Classics delight at Selden show



The temperature was a chilly 58 and clouds of fog drifted across the elevator at the north end of Kansas Avenue on Sunday as exhibitors set up their cars, tractors and old engines for the 16th annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car Show in downtown Selden, but by late morning, everyone was having a good time.

Josh Mullins of Independence, Mo., (above) who's nearly 2, was among the kids diving for coins in a stock tank. He was visiting his grandparents, Bob and Patty Mullins of Hoxie.

Along Main Street, exhibitors had the hoods up (left) on their cherished rides for everyone to see the shiny paint and extra chrome inside. The show, founded by the American Legion and now sponsored by the Selden Community Foundation, was free to entrants and spectators. At the north end of the street (below), a bunch of the guys got together to talk and tell stories among the antique tractors.

One visitor walking along brought a friend, one of several pets taking in the show. Hannah Antholz, 15, Rexford, said Cosmo was the only success she had with a litter of kittens the mother couldn't feed.

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Hospital to get award at picnic

Representatives from Citizens Medical Center will take center stage to talk about awards, additions and money at a public meeting, picnic and Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event at 5 p.m. Thursday on the south side of the hospital building.

"This is a time the hospital has chosen to give back to the community, to share who we are and what we do," said Administrator Janice McCart.

Topping the agenda for the meeting will be the recent announcement that the hospital is one of five finalists for the Governor's Award of Excellence, the state's top business awards.

The hospital won the Business Appreciation Month Award for the northwest region from the

state Department of Commerce. Each year, hundreds of businesses are nominated for these awards in several categories, including hospital/non-profit, service and retail. Community Relations Director Tama Unger said the department chooses the winners based on criteria such as financial success and community involvement.

The regional award will be presented at the meeting Thursday. The five regional winners are the finalists for the top award.

The other finalists are Bucklin Tractor and Implement, Greensburg; Countryside Feed, Hillsboro; Intrust Bank, El Dorado; and Net-Standard, Kansas City. Unger said a group from the hos-

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Brewster trainer helps foster parents

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For some, it's a first step towards adoption, for others, it's the need to nurture put into action. But foster care is not for everyone; it takes time, resources and help, and one company has set up a care worker in Brewster to help current and potential foster parents.

TFI Family Services, which says it is the largest foster care organization in Kansas, is getting established in the northwest part of the state. It has set up a resource care worker in Brewster to train potential foster parents throughout the nine northwest counties.

"I have found my niche," said Vickie Beiser, the Brewster representative for the agency. "Basical-

ly, I recruit, train and do follow-up after a child or children have been placed in foster care."

The training to become foster-care parents is an eight-week course, she said, and ideally, three to four couples train together.

TFI, headquartered in Emporia, is well known in eastern Kansas, Beiser said. It started in 1965 as a camp, known as The Farm, to bring separated siblings together for the summer. Right now, she said, the agency has seven foster homes under its umbrella in her nine-county area.

"Foster parents are the best people in the world," she said, "because they just have a heart for kids and their circumstances."

Beiser said she is always look-

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Briefly

Pets available for adoption

Looking for a pet? Colby Animal Clinic has five kittens, one gray male adult cat and a year-old male husky available for adoption. Lost or strayed animals are often brought to the clinic. Call or stop by 810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

Food signup set for next week

Signup for Prairie Land Food will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today to Friday at the State Farm Insurance office, 905 E. Fourth St. Delivery will be 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the Sacred Heart School gym, 1050 W. Sixth St. For information, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579 or State Farm at 462-7525.

Church cancels Tuesday meal

The "More Fun Together" senior singles potluck at

the First Presbyterian Church for Tuesday has been cancelled. The July gathering will be announced closer to the date. For information, call Carol Rahn at 462-6342.

Camp set for Tuesdays

The Colby Wesleyan Church is offering "Tuesdays @ 10," a free summer day camp for children 4 to 12. Kids are invited to participate in the food, fun, games and God's love from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday through July 28. This year's "Son Rock Camp" will include nature hikes and outdoor activities with lunch. To register, or for information, call the church office at 462-8391.

Care Center to hold dog show

The Colby Care Center will hold a fashion show for dogs at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the center. Everyone is encouraged to dress up their dogs and bring

them by along with a \$5 donation for the center's Residents Activity Fund. Tammy Swarts will judge the entries and award prizes. For information, call Amanda Hillis at 462-6721.

Church holds Bible study

The Colby Wesleyan Church will offer a 12-week Beth Moore Bible study, "Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy," from at 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 19 at the Pioneer Memorial Library's community room. No homework is required and discussion will focus around the videos. For information, call the church at 462-8391.

Church to offer screenings

The First Presbyterian Church of Colby will offer HealthScreens, a program of the Gerontology Research Foundation, on Saturday, June 20, with tests to determine your current health baseline. These in-

clude checking your risk for stroke, heart attack, thyroid disease, cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes and other preventable illnesses. To schedule an appointment or for information, call HealthScreens at (877) 854-4735 or go to www.healthscreens.net. Different fees are charged for each test.

City picking up grass clippings

City crews are picking up grass clippings. Clippings must be at curbside by 8 a.m. on your regular trash day in a separate tipper can from household trash. Put clippings in the tipper loose, not in plastic bags. For questions, call the Public Works office at 460-4420.



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