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Sheila Frahm among GOP delegation

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When the Republican National Convention kicks off next week in New York City, two people from Colby will be among the thousands attending.



S. Frahm

No stranger to the political arena or conventions, Sheila Frahm, who has served as a U.S. senator, Kansas senator, lieutenant governor, and on a variety of boards and committees, will be one of the state's 39 voting delegates when the convention starts Monday.

Accompanying Frahm will be her husband, Ken, she said. "It's important (to be attending)," she said, "and an opportunity to be sure that a rural and agricultural voice is heard."

Frahm said there are four congressional districts within the state of Kansas. She will be representing the 1st District, noting the state will be well-balanced between rural and urban since each of the districts is sending the same number of delegates.

The last Republican National Convention Frahm said she attended was in San Diego, Calif. in 1996.

"I was a delegate then and it was the convention in which Bob Dole was to be nominated," she said. "Kansas had front row seats and it was an exciting year for our state."

Unlike this year's convention with security concerns, the San Diego convention, she said, was much more relaxed and informal.

"One of the events I remember most (in San Diego) was the traditional farm states breakfast and how much fun it was to meet farmers from everywhere in the nation — and again be recognized as Bob Dole's Kansas wheat and corn producers," she said.

Frahm lightheartedly said that she hopes friends at home will at least see the Kansas sign from this year's more "back of the arena" position, since Kansas is not expect-

ing to have front row center seating this time.

As for security concerns, Frahm said she, and her husband, are expecting specific transportation to be used between the Kansas hotel (all Kansans are required to stay in the same hotel) and Madison Square Gardens (where convention activities will take place).

"We are expecting security into Madison Square Gardens to be much like airport security," she said. "No umbrellas, pocket knives, backpacks, etc."

As to what Frahm said she hopes to see accomplished at the convention, she said "the earned media will be definitely important and will be utilized as much as possible — that's how the game is played."

The convention, she said, is also a time to more clearly define issues, confirm the platform and the Republican position on those issues.

"I know many (or most) voters are already sick and tired of the bantering back and forth," she said. "Still, it's an incredible challenge to meet the expectations of a wide range of citizens who are and want to be members of a political party."

Frahm said she always wants to be certain the party considers the views of all Republicans, considers the implications for the country and makes the best decisions possible.

"I am not a single issue person," she said, "we have too much at stake in the world to be narrow in our thinking."

The last time Frahm and her husband were in New York City, she said, was in 1967.

"We went to New York on our honeymoon and we wanted to attend the World's Fair," she said. "We haven't been back to New York since then and this year we are celebrating 37 years of marriage — guess it's time to return."

The last numbers given for how many delegates will be converging in New York City next week was at 2,509 delegates and alternates.

"The number of delegates and alternates is up 723 from 2000," she said, "and when you add in guests, congressional members, sponsors, media and more — it's (the convention) going to be a huge crowd."

Fund-raising fun



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ABOVE: The McLemore Family entertained the crowd at the Gems Lions Club's annual hog roast Wednesday night. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Gem Lions Wally Severson and DJ Bugbee were two of the group that sponsored the annual event, which is a fund-raiser for community betterment. **BELOW:** A large crowd showed up for the hog roast, which included country, bluegrass and folk music and a horseshoe tournament.



Colby woman gets more than lucky strike

By TISHA COX

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The next time someone thinks they won't win the sweepstakes they entered, they need to think again. Linda Nelson of Colby hit more than a lucky strike at Colby Bowl recently that earned her a trip to Los Angeles to be in an episode of "Quintuplets," a new comedy on the Fox network.

Nelson said she rolled five consecutive strikes on June 24 at the bowling alley, which entered her into the grand prize sweepstakes.

She said she only expected to win a T-shirt and never considered she might win the grand prize.

The trip includes a three-night, four-day stay in Los Angeles as well as the walk-on role on the television show.

She is excited about the trip, but also a little nervous.



L. Nelson

"It's exciting but kind of scary too," she said.

Nelson is a transfer coordinator at Colby Community College where she helps two-year students transfer to four-year institutions. She said she received the phone call about the win during the first week at school.

Nelson said she didn't recognize the voice at the other end of the line and was even more surprised when she found out she had won the grand prize.

She said the new show started this

year and is about a family with teenage quintuplets and the situations they get into.

Nelson said she doesn't know when she will be going out for the taping or the air date yet, but will get to take someone with her when she goes.

She's not sure if she will be able to take her husband because he's an athletic trainer with the college and might not be able to go because of his commitments.

Instead, Nelson's mother will probably go with her.

'Trick Pony' is Celebration's headliner this year

By TISHA COX

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There are a few changes in store for this year's third annual "Celebration on the High Plains." The celebration will be held at Southwind Plaza in Colby on Saturday, Sept. 11 and is a growing attraction for northwest Kansas.

Jada Tubbs, director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, said there won't be any craft vendors this year, but there will be more food vendors than before.

All of the events up until 4 p.m.

are free, Tubbs said, but after that wristbands will be needed for entry.

The day's events will kick off at noon with remote control car races followed by the Dodge Raminator at 3:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., there will be a taekwondo demonstration.

Following the daytime activities, there will be the evening concert starting at 6 p.m. with opening band "Wild Ride," followed by "No Parking" at 7 p.m. At 8:15 p.m. there will be a patriotic celebration and at 8:30 p.m., headlining act country band "Trick Pony" will take the

stage.

She said if people enjoyed "Sawyer Brown" last year, they will like "Trick Pony."

Tubbs described "Trick Pony" as a great act, and said, "they're going to be fun. Nothing but funk and energy."

She added if people want to know more, they can check out the band's Web site at <http://www.trickpony.com>.

There's also one more addition to this year's festivities.

"We do have for the first time a

VIP ticket," Tubbs said. "Those are only available at the chamber." The \$100 tickets include a meet and greet with all the bands, a meal and front-row center seating.

She said advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth. The day of the show, tickets will be \$20 and \$8. Tickets are available at area Peoples State Banks, area First National Banks, Farmers and Merchants Bank in Colby and Farmers State Bank in Oakley.

For information, call the Colby Chamber at 460-3401.

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Look for 50s and 70s

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. **Friday...**Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Breezy and cooler... Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. **Friday night...**Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 40 percent. **Saturday...**Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph with higher gusts. **Sunday...**Partly cloudy...Highs in the 70s. **Monday...**Mostly sunny. Highs in the 80s.

The numbers

Wednesday's high, 87
Low this morning, 55
Records for Aug. 26, 107 in 1926 and 41 in 1910
Year ago today, 91 and 68
Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.00
August total, 1.23
Soil temperature, 80

The sources:

The forecast is from the National Weather Service, and other numbers are from the Northwest Research-Extension Center, Colby. A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

Water use

• Aug. 25 = 2.917 million gallons.

Water advisories

• Water **Watch** is 3.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.
• Water **Warning** is 4.0 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.
• Water **Emergency** is 4.5 million gallons for 3 consecutive days.

Briefly

County Democrats to meet

Thomas County Democrats will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Thomas County Office Complex, 350 S. Range Ave. in Colby. Purpose of the meeting, said Rosalie Seemann, chairperson, will be to elect officers and discuss other organizational issues. All Democrats are invited to attend, she said.

County fair premium checks ready

Premium checks for this year's Thomas County Free Fair are now ready to be picked up at the County Extension office, 350 S. Range Ave., Colby, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions, call (785) 462-4582.

Vets clinic site discussion scheduled

Friday will be an important meeting day at Goodland and Phil Finley, Colby, is urging a carload of Legion veterans from Colby to be on hand. "It would be helpful," Finley said. He said the meeting at the VFW Post at 824 Main, Goodland, will feature the Regional VA Administrator, re-

garding the location of a possible veterans clinic. In another matter, Finley said that on Sept. 29, the Colby American Legion Post 363 will host Tom Cadmus, National Legion Commander, at a 3:15 p.m. coffee.

Scouts seek vendors for October event

Two Girl Scout Troops in Colby (Troops 162 and 167) are looking for vendors for the Craft-a-ganza Craft fair scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23. The craft fair will be held in the community building and all proceeds will go toward trip expenses throughout the year. For information, call Jan Barnum, one of the coordinators, 462-6503.

SHARE delivery scheduled

SHARE delivery is Saturday at Sacred Heart School gym at 10:30 a.m. The menu for August is salad, turkey, salmon filets, ground beef, bacon, meatloaf, potatoes, baby carrots, red pears, cantaloupe, lettuce, onions, red grapes and Danish rolls. If interested in a share for \$17.50 plus two volunteer hours of community service, call Gene Griffin at 460-3579.

