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Lions to hold cabinet meeting

clubs will hold the first cabinet community needs. meeting for the leaders of the in Dighton.

District officers will plan the 2009-2010 club year of community service for the 70 clubs of Baughn of Brewster serves as Disthe district. Such services include free sight and diabetes screening, school-age youth, and other ser- of the state.

The Dighton and Utica Lions vice projects adapted to meet local

Sheryl Brenn of Colby serves western Kansas district Saturday as zone chairperson for the Colby High Plains, Brewster, Gem, and Rexford Lions clubs.

Past district governor Michael trict Parliamentarian.

The western Kansas Lions disfree eye exams and eyeglasses to trict covers the entire western half

Colby radio operators scale Mount Sunflower

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sign - K4S - for the event.

with the hams they were contacting about how hard it was to reach if they were the Mount Sunflower the summit and how they had to stop every so often to recharge their oxygen supply. Many of the contacts found it funny when told the elevation on top of Mount Sunflower was 4,039 feet and that everyone kist drove to the "summit."

That evenin,g Jim Douglas (AC0E) from Garden City reached the summit and spent several hours working the radios.

Sunday morning, three hams from Goodland led by Ray Smee (N0NM), Deb Smee (N1NEB) and Tom Betz (K0JEI), made the trek to the summit to participate in the special event.

Sunday morning was cloudy, cool and windy on the summit, with a temperature in the mid 60s, but for those trying to reach the the International Space Station as top of the Colorado peaks the temperatures were below freezing.

Reitchek aimed the beams at Colorado and was able to make contact with a station on Pikes Peak using the 2-meter frequency, and then with a station atop Mount Evans. Though the two are among the tallest in Colorado, both have roads, and hams could drive to the summits to set up their radios.

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An airplane was flying along the Front Range with a ham calling out to make contacts. The pilot The Colby group would joke made contact with several western Kansas stations, and kept asking station he had heard about. TStations in Leoti and Garden City said they were not on Mount Sunflower. During another pass along the mountains near Colorado Springs, Reitchek was able to make contact with the ham in the air and he responded that he had been looking for Mount Sunflower.

Reitchek switched to the 6 meter ham band and made contact with a different operator on top of Pikes Peak, but was not able to make contact with Mount Evans or any of the other 14ers.

Dale Urban (N0KQX) of Garden City reached the summit in the morning with his radio seat belted in the front seat of his pickup and an antenna in the bed. With his help, the hams tried to contact it went overhead, to no avail.

A visiting ham, Dale Sirota (KB0UKW), got directions and made his way to the summit and took a hand at making contact on the 20-meter band.

During the morning, other people arrived to check out the highest point in Kansas, and to register their "climb" in a notebook kept in the big mailbox at the monument.

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HAYS - The Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science at Fort Hays State University is holding information sessions across the state this fall to recruit students for the second class, starting in fall 2010.

In Colby, the session will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Colby Community College.

The first class will begin Monday, Aug. 24, 2010, on campus, but orientation will be Wednesday for 26 high school juniors and seniors.

program provides a residential learning experience for exceptional high school juniors and seniors, offering a blend of college-level instruction by doctoral faculty; a high school diploma and 68 hours of college credit; the option to receive an associate's degree on graduation; hands-on research supervised by faculty scientists; leadership development call the office at (785) 628-4690.

The academy, established by the Kansas and civic engagement opportunities; co-Legislature in 2006, is one of the top early- curricular and extra-curricular opportunities entry-to-college programs in Kansas. The to develop the whole student; a safe campus and residential environment; and trained support staff.

Another session will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Memorial Union Stouffer Lounge on the Fort Hays campus.

Seating is limited, and registration is required. To register, go to fhsu.edu/kams or

ple are practicing good fire safety

The department averages around

A couple of weeks before the

station, two "mystery chairs"

showed up in the day room, still

wrapped in plastic, with no ex-

planation as to where they came

from, why they were there or any-

really a nice gesture from some-

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"We don't have a clue why they

and avoiding accidents.

75 calls a year, he said.

thing, Carney said.

Fire crew boasts 332 years of experience

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big water. That ladder goes out a long ways, and that is what we need when we're fighting a fire over a long roof line, and the roof is ready to collapse. It is well worth it to have that ladder truck."

Among other things, the Colby department has the equipment to fill its own air bottles. Plumisto said the bottles hold clean, filtered compressed air at 2,216 pounds pressure, which can sustain a firefighter for quite a long time, depending on how big the man is and the amount of energy it requires in a given situation. The equipment has to be certified when new, and then re-certified every two years.

of air in a tire, you know 2,216 pounds of air in one of those small bottles is a lot," Plumisto said.

Department members take time to volunteer for many things in the community. During the county fair, the fire fighters sponsor and run one of the rides. Every fall when the time changes, they change out batteries in home smoke detectors for free, and they dedicate one Saturday in the year to the "boot" campaign, and send and parts of North Randall, East

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They rescue pets, help the school with fire prevention talks, and volunteer their time for community

They have their own Fireman's Relief Fund, which takes care of life and disability insurance for the firefighters, and have a board of directors. Two members of the department are on the board of the state Fire Fighters' Association. These are just some of these things that help to make the Colby department one of the best in the

some, and we're so grateful to have it," Plumisto said. "In the old building, we were really crowded. We didn't have room for all our equipment, and we had to be really careful when we opened the doors of the fire trucks when we were called out, because the support beams in the building weren't steady, and we didn't want the roof coming down on someone or on one of the trucks."

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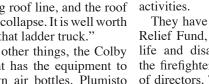
the proceeds to the Jerry Lewis Hale, Rovohl, Barrett and Kingery had a bad day," Plumisto said, Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser. townships. The townships make adding that the firemen hope peoup Thomas County Fire District No. 3.

Gem has a city fire department with its own truck. Rexford and Mingo are in Fire District No. 4, with a station in Rexford, and department moved into the new Brewster is in a district that covers parts of Sherman and Thomas counties. Menlo has a fire station and volunteers, but no fire district. The volunteers for all districts are invited to train with the Colby crew, said Plumisto said, and the Colby fire fighters will respond to ended up here," he added, "but we calls for help from any of the rural all really appreciate the gift. It was departments.

But the firemen would just as one in the community." soon not have any calls.

"If we've had one call, we've

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