

Meeting Sunday for math students

HAYS – The Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science at Fort Hays State University will hold information sessions across the state this spring for ninth-grade or younger students and their families.

In Colby, the meeting will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Colby Community College Student Union, Room 106.

The academy, established by the Kansas Legislature in 2006, is the only early-entry-to-college program in Kansas. It's a residential learning experience that provides exceptional high school juniors and seniors a potent blend of college-level instruction by doctoral faculty, a high school diploma and 68 hours of college credit, hands-on research supervised by scientists, leadership development and civic engagement opportunities, co-curricular and extra-curricular

opportunities to develop the whole student, a safe campus and residential environment and trained support staff.

Prospective students must have completed at least two years of high school with distinction in mathematics or science. A composite score of 23 on the American College Test or a 1060 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test is required. Selection is also based on drive, interest, maturity, stability and personal and family commitment, the academy says.

Recruitment sessions will address the academic program, admissions requirements, student development and other topics.

The public is welcome, but seating is limited and online registration is required. Go to fhsu.edu/kams/meetings. For information, call (785) 628-4690 or e-mail kams@fhsu.edu.

Giant bunny gets right of way

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Glendale police who used a bunny costume to decoy bad drivers at crosswalks have abandoned the outfit after it made a city councilman hopping mad.

An officer wore the Easter out-

fit on Wednesday in crosswalks. Drivers who didn't yield to the furry pedestrian were ticketed.

But City Councilman John Drayman harshly criticized the head-turning costume, calling it "breath-takingly dangerous."

College student wins national essay contest

Colby Community College student Katherine Jones is the March winner of the Rembrandt Charms "Story of Your Life" national essay contest.

Each month, the firm invites people to tell their life story through charms.

The winner is presented with a free charm bracelet, worth about \$350, and all 10 charms are something referenced in his or her story. One of her charms is an actual working hourglass.

The winner also gets to select what jewelry store will present them their prize. Jones chose Horlacher Jewelers in Colby. Her winning essay, "My Life Story," is on display at the store.

Jones is a graduate of St. Francis High School.

The store, at 442 N. Franklin Ave., has been selling charms since it opened in 1927, said Jeff Horlacher, owner.



KAT BALLARD/Colby Free Press Katherine Jones grinned when asked if she liked her new bracelet. It was presented at Horlacher Jewelers earlier this month after she won a national essay contest.

Meadow Lake Bridge Club

Tuesday winners at Meadow Lake bridge were first, Margaret Denleer; second, Elaine Ptacek; third, Joy Davis; fourth, Larry

Barrett; fifth, Mary Kersenbrock; sixth, Lyle Worthy; seventh, Sarah Jane Barrett.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Tuesday
11:45 a.m. – Vehicle parked in Quilt Cabin parking lot, not a customer. Contacted vehicle owner to remove it.
11:56 a.m. – Amanda Lopez arrested on warrant.
12:22 p.m. – Moved item from road in 300 block to 540 W. Fourth; due to wind.
1:17 p.m. – Driving while suspended report on traffic stop at Garfield and Cedar.
1:58 p.m. – Civil standby at 660 E. Eighth St.
2:06 p.m. – Two dogs in fence at 885 S. Garfield taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
3:42 p.m. – Third party report of possible domestic situation on S. Franklin.
4:03 p.m. – Spoke to juveniles on Copeland Dr. about sharing.

Wednesday
12:08 p.m. – Provided information about trespassing.
12:31 p.m. – Dead cat on Range at National Guard Armory removed.
12:51 p.m. – Injury accident in Wal-Mart parking lot.
8:46 p.m. – Accident at McDonalds.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Wednesday
11:25 a.m. – Stranded motorist at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 23. Provided traffic control so tire could be changed.
1:44 p.m. – Supplemental report on warrant arrest of Crystal Dawn Phillips in Sherman County.
4:31 p.m. – Narcotics violation report.
7:14 p.m. – Supplemental report on warrant arrest of Boone Huff.

Drunk pleads to his 11th DUI

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A 49-year-old Montana man who apparently was intoxicated when he came to court for his trial on a felony drunken driving charge has pleaded no contest to his 11th DUI.

Thaylin Shawn Pierce, Billings, entered the plea and is free on bond until his sentencing June 22.

Pierce was charged in November 2008 after he tried to drive after being kicked out of a casino.

His trial was scheduled to begin March 31, but the judge suspected Pierce was drunk. A breath test showed he had a blood-alcohol level of 0.093 percent.

Negotiations for a plea agreement began. One of the conditions was that Pierce had to return to court sober the next morning to enter his plea.

Pierce has nine previous drunk-driving convictions in Colorado and another in Wyoming.

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