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Hams hold Field Day here

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and Tom Betz (K0DWZ) of Goodland representing the Sherman County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts.

To demonstrate the versatility of ham radio the radios were powered by a generator that kept running all night and into the morning.

A variety of antennas were connected to the radios including a tower with a beam, a dipole and a vertical antenna.

McLemore and Albers said one of the great things about the annual event is a chance to test out antennas and radios to get a feel for how they would work in an emergency.

The incident management trailer is stationed in Colby and McLemore said it is

fully equipped to handle all communications in an emergency condition. He said the trailer has been used for a health event in Cheyenne County.

Morrison and Frahm spent most of their efforts making contacts using Morse code, known as CW. The other radio operators used microphones to call and make contact with stations.

Field Day is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

around the country. Their slogan, "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works" is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis.

"We were disappointed we did not get the number of contacts this year," said president McLemore. "We had 1,365 two-way contacts last year and finished second to the large Johnson County club which used three transmitters."

"That is part of the fun," Frahm said. "Each year is different, but the basic idea remains the same - have a fun weekend with friends and see where the magic of radio communications will take you."

District upgrades under way

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copy of the year-end cash summary for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which ends Sunday, showing the school will transfer an estimated total of \$586,079.

DeYoung pointed out the elementary school got a grant of over \$500,000 of federal grant money offered through the state, from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers for an after-school program for the next five years.

DeYoung said, "We used to get all this money in June," she said.

The transfers will be the same next month, except for other small expenditures.

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The district will be getting more state money soon, DeYoung said, and she will have a revised version of the year-end

transfers at the July board meeting. She pointed out that some funds were low, including the capital outlay fund, which is being used for the energy-saving upgrade on the school district buildings.

"It's a little bit too close for comfort," DeYoung said.

Harrison said that the plumbing in the electric work on the buildings is almost done, the lighting upgrades are about 90 percent complete and the work on a new roof for the middle school is about 60 percent.

Harrison said, "everyone who's part of this project, they worked long hours."

Recognized outgoing member Susan McLemore for her service. Those at the meeting applauded after McLemore was recognized with a plaque, saying she appreciated the cohesiveness and pleasantness of the board members.

Renewed the district's membership with the Western Plains Arts Association for \$200. The school has maintained a mem-

bership since the 2001-2002 school year, and this year the membership will include tickets for four adults and 15 students to go any of the association events.

Approved a child nutrition and wellness program agreement, and a meal pattern compliance agreement with the Kansas Department of Education for the coming year.

Established textbook and activity fees and school lunch prices for the coming school year. Students will be charged \$30 for each sport or activity they participate in, for up to \$90, and \$70 for textbooks.

Approved changes to the student-parent handbook to include a minimum start date for practices, made high school junior and senior lunches open, establish a dress code and put

a policy for student or staff memorials. The board talked about early practices and decided no student should show up at school before 6:30 a.m., for either practice or warmups beforehand.

Approved the resignation of Donna Juennemann as a secretary and paraprofessional and the resignation of Camille Giersch from her supplemental contract as a senior class sponsor.

Approved out-of-district attendance requests for Nicholas Brown and Grant and Hailee Spresser to go to school at Golden Plains.

House pushed to act on immigration bill

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workers' legal status, sets up new visa programs to allow workers into the country and establishes new tracking systems at seaports and airports to keep better tabs on people entering and leaving the country.

At its contentious core, though, is a 13-year path to citi-

zenship for the 11 million immigrants living in this country illegally.

Without such a provision, senators say the legislation could not pass the Senate. With it, its prospects are difficult in the House.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., predicted that the House might end up having to pass the Senate

bill after failing to find any other avenue forward and feeling pressure from the public to act.

But that approach is opposed by many conservatives. Boehner also dismissed the idea of relying on Democratic votes instead of a majority of his Republi-

cans to pass an immigration bill.

At the same time Boehner said he hopes the bill will be bipartisan, and he encouraged a House group of four Democrats and three Republicans trying to forge a compromise to continue their efforts.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the next edition, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Fair books available at Extension office now

2013 Fair books are ready at the Thomas County Extension office, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 16, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Poultry tests to be at fairgrounds

Poultry blood tests will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 11, at the livestock arena on the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Fireworks will help Heartland projects

Heartland Christian School will be selling fireworks from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day through the Fourth of July at the Colby Livestock Auction parking lot on Country Club Drive.

Pancake feed to help fire victims

The Colby Fire Department will have a pancake feed from 6 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the fire station. Donations will go to help Colby residents Tyson and Austin Plumisto and Sonny Creighton, who lost their homes in a fire June 1.

Lions, Rotary offer free watermelon

The Colby High Plains Lions Club and the Colby Rotary Club will put on a free Fourth of July hot dog and watermelon feed at 6 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

No trash pickup on Fourth of July

The Colby Sanitation Department will not pick up trash on Thursday, July 4. Thursday's residential route will be picked up on Friday, July 5.

Box fans available at Health Department

The Salvation Army has box fans available at the Thomas County Health Department. Call 460-4596 with questions.

Table with weather forecasts for Thursday through Sunday, including high/low temperatures, precipitation, and sunrise/sunset times.

Rawlins County Health Center logo and address: 707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211

Rawlins County Health Center Community Calendar table showing dates from Sun to Sat with visiting physicians and services.

To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director

LOCAL TV Listings table for Monday Evening July 1, 2013, showing channels, times, and program titles.