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Elbert "Tree" Gordon had a team meeting with Colby participants at the Global Legends' basket-	
ball camp Wednesday at the Community Building.	

Former Globetrotter runs basketball camp

By Kayla Cornett

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In the past, people went to see Elbert "Tree" Gordon play basketball and entertain audiences as a Harlem Globetrotter, but for the past five years, he has given back to his audiences through his youth organization, the Global Legends Youth Foundation, or Global Legends for short.

According to its web site, the foundation helps individuals and communities realize their full potential by providing activities that are fun, educational, and a model for healthy living.

To fulfill this mission, Gordon travels to different cities all over the country each year to teach kids how to play basketball.

year, the former Colby Commu- a great learning experience for

showing the kids the proper way of dribbling, passing and defense. The Global Legends web site

lists even more goals of Gordon's camp, such as shooting, one-onone moves, pick-and-roll, passing, ball handling, feeding the post, footwork, man-to-man defense and help and recover.

The web site also has a page that lays out the responsibilities of each position on the court for both offense and defense, giving anyone the option to learn more about the sport.

There are still two days left of the camp, and Gordon said it's been a really good camp so far. However, one thing is missing.

"The only thing is I wish more kids would come out and be a part of it," he said. "It's really cool, For the second consecutive the kids have a lot of fun and it's them.

Specifically, Gordon has been "They just showed me a lot of love and support and they just allowed me to be who I was.

> He said he also wants to use his celebrity for good and give back to Colby.

"I just wanted to come back and give something back to the community, just to give something to these kids," Gordon said. "You know, kids don't get a chance to be around a celebrity everyday, so I'm one of those celebrities that loves to do what I have to do to give back to kids around the country.

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K-18 June Schedule					
June 11	June 12	June 16	June 18		
Ellis Wood Bat Tournament	Ellis Wood Bat Tournament	with Quinter 6:30 p.m.	Hays Tournament		
June 19	June 20	June 27	June 30		
Hays Tournament	at Goodland 7 p.m.	with WaKeeney 6:30 p.m.	at Oakley 6:30 p.m.		
*Home games are in bold.					

Modifieds driver doubles up, grabs first repeat win of season

By Eric Gaede

Dry-slick track conditions made for some great racing Sunday, as everyone had a tougher time getting a grip on the track at the Thomas County Speedway.

Thomas County Speedway

Four racers were able to make it work to their advantage and get main-event wins. Darren Deloach is the first repeat winner this season in the IMCA (International Motor Contest Association) Modifieds. Jason Schoenberger picked up the win in the IMCA Stock Car class. Jason McIntyre grabbed the first win of his career in the IMCA Hobby Stocks and Jason Gray won in the Econo class.

Modifieds

Darren Deloach picked up the win after a bit of good fortune. Adam Morris started out on the pole and had a sizable lead, but appeared to have mechanical problems and slowed on the track, causing the first caution. As the caution allowed the field to bunch back up, Deloach was able to get past Brady Coen after the restart for the win. Coen held on for sec-

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ond with Shannon Maughlin in was Nate Moore with Adam Morris moving back up to fifth place after bringing out the first caution and starting at the rear of the field. Matt Morris was sixth and Milo Lippelman came in seventh. Eleven modifieds were on hand.

Stock Cars

Jason Schoenberger improved his finishing position of second two weeks ago and got his first win of the season in the Stock Car class. BJ Wagoner had the good fortune of starting in the front of the field and made it count for second place. Ryan Wark got through traffic well, finishing in third. Nick Tubbs had a good run in fourth and Dustin Daniels had a top five finish. Jason Rogers was sixth in sixth and seventh. Thirteen ecoand Rod Benken came in seventh. Twelve stocks were on hand.

Hobby Stocks

Local racer Jason McIntyre had a strong, third place run. Fourth the crowd cheering for him as he got the first win of his career. Kirk Karst tried to get to McIntyre, but he ran out of laps and finished second. Curt Kennedy was a strong third place and Al Emmons was fourth. Cody Pancake had a top five and Tyrel Smith finished sixth. Ten hobbies were in the field.

Econos

The Econo class had another rough night with only seven of the thirteen starters making it to the checkers. Jason Gray won the caution-filled race with Bryan Guyer right with him at the finish. Jory Friesen came in third and Ryan Baalman was fourth. Scott McDonald got a top five with Marshall Carson and Joe Harper nos were on hand.

The next races will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 19.



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Gordon said the purpose of the camp is to teach the fundamentals of basketball.

"It comes down to the kids – they like to play basketball but it's Colby each year, but he also has hard for kids to get out there and play the proper style of basketball if they don't have the fundamentals," he said, "so I'm trying to make sure that they get everything that they need to become better players.'

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Nevertheless, he said the kids who have come to the camp have

been doing a good job. "The kids have truly done very well since the first day," Gordon said. "They've been working hard and they're going to continue to work hard until Friday."

And for this reason, he said he will continue to come back to an alternative driving force behind his visits.

"The reason why I chose to come back to Colby is because when I was playing basketball (at the college), the town showed me a lot of support," Gordon said. We help diabetics live a better life: • Free Home delivery of diabetes supplies

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