

Festive holiday events keep December days busy

Thanksgiving is over and we are now into the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

This means there are many events related to this very festive time of the year. Santa City has opened. If you have not seen it yet, there will be opportunities



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• On the Road Again!

from 1 to 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas. It will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. week nights beginning Monday, Dec. 12, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve. You won't want to miss seeing "visions of sugar plums" this year, especially the giant gingerbread house.

The Christmas light parade will be a 5:45 p.m. Sunday. The parade route is Second and Franklin to Santa City, which will be open following the parade.

Don't miss the soup supper held by the Sons of American Legion at the post home which will also be held following the parade.

Holiday music abounds at this time of the year. Colby Community College is holding their winter band concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The concert band and jazz band will perform a wide variety of music. Refreshments will be served at intermission so that the college's student art projects can be viewed in the art gallery at the Cultural Arts Center.

The Colby Middle and High School band concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the high school.

The fifth grade band concert will be at 2:30 p.m. at the grade school on Monday, Dec. 19. That same evening the fifth through eighth grade band concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the grade school.

Western Plains Arts Association is presenting Ozark Jubilee and Doofus at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Colby High School. This is a special country Christmas show from Branson.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "A Cozy Christmas with the POP" at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Cultural Arts Center.

Other special events include the Lions Club Pancake Feed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building.

The Farmers Christmas Market and Craft Show will also be Saturday. This will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bill Miller Building, 895 S. Country Club

Drive. Pioneer Memorial Library is holding a special Christmas program at noon next Wednesday for *Booked for Lunch*.

The women of K-State are hosting an open house to support Genesis on Tuesday at Stock Realty and Auction. They will be there from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Sally's Unique Boutique. An Angel Tree will also be available for the Food 4 Kids backpack program.

The Fifth Annual Holiday Gift and Craft Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Community College Student Union.

Kappa Upsilon is holding their Home Tour beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11. Homes on the tour this year include those of Bill and Deb Mariman, Wayne and Linda Bossert, Francis and Kathy Britton and Leo and Shawn Stephens. Tickets for the Holiday Home Tours are for sale at Donelan Jewelry, Plum Creek and Hairitage Salon. Prior to the tour, they will also be holding their cookie sale at the Colby Methodist Church. Trays and trays of homemade cookies and candy will be for sale from noon to 2 p.m.

At noon, Thursday, Dec. 15, Prairie Museum is holding *Food for Thought*. Featured speaker will be Jim Gray discussing "Conflicts between Settlers and Cattlemen."

The big sporting event for the month is the Colby Eagle Wrestling invitational beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday the ninth and at 8 a.m. on Saturday the 10th. Matches are held at both the Community Building and High School.

School dismisses on Friday, Dec. 16, for the college and Friday, Dec. 23, for Sacred Heart and the Colby Public Schools. Heartland Christian School dismisses Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Members of the Convention and Tourism Committee and the director wish each of you a very happy holiday season. Be safe during this busy time of the year and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Leilani Thomas is director of the Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau, a long-time civic volunteer and a passionate observer of the tourism industry.

Gathering in to give back



DEBBIE SCHWANKE/Colby Community College
Colby Community College faculty members Bob Selby, Pat Erickson and Kathy Robert (in truck bed) are assisted by Kalea Robert (in the tan coat) as they load food items for delivery to Genesis-Thomas County. This is the third year the college's faculty alliance has sponsored the food drive to collect non-perishable items for Genesis.

University scholarship honors retired Hoxie physician and wife

A new University of Kansas scholarship honors longtime Hoxie physician John Rapp Neuenschwander, and his wife, Gloria. Dr. Neuenschwander practiced medicine in Hoxie from 1952 un-

til his retirement in 2000. David Lowenthal and his wife, Barbara, of Lawrence, and other donors, established the scholarship for KU students from Gove, Graham, Sheridan and Thomas counties. The inaugural recipient is Tera Raymond, a freshman from Colby.

"Our longtime association with the Neuenschwander family, coupled with Dr. John's impact on the Kansas counties he served for so many years, led us to establish an endowed scholarship in his name," said David Lowenthal. "We could think of no better way to honor his legacy of service than through a scholarship created to support students from the area."

Though John and Gloria Neuenschwander did not attend KU, they developed strong ties to the university, in part through Dr. Neuenschwander's 44-year participation in the KU School of Medicine's rural preceptorship program. Through this program, fourth-year medical students spend four

weeks working with a physician in rural Kansas.

The Neuenschwanders' five children are all KU graduates.

"Gloria and I greatly appreciate this unexpected honor and wish to thank the Lowenthals and all who have participated in establishing this fund," said Dr. Neuenschwander. "...We are delighted that this scholarship will help make it possible for students from this area to pursue a degree from the University of Kansas."

The endowed scholarship will benefit in perpetuity students from the four-county area near Hoxie. Anyone wishing to augment the scholarship fund may do so by contacting Jerome Davies, senior vice president of development for KU Endowment, (785) 832-7460, or jdavies@kuendowment.org.

The fund is managed by KU Endowment, the independent, nonprofit organization serving as the official fundraising and fund-management organization for KU.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Sunday

12:36 a.m. - Caller wanted a welfare check on her child. Located subject and everything OK.

1:07 a.m. - Caller advised of him bleeding. Unable to locate.

3:01 a.m. - Caller reported a fight. Report filed.

11:39 p.m. - Vandalism: subject called about damage done to house. Report filed.

Monday

7:22 a.m. - Subject called with questions pertaining to animal leash laws. Provided information.

8:15 a.m. - Caller reported subjects not wanting to go to school. Spoke to subjects; juvenile went to school.

8:19 a.m. - Disposed of dead

squirrel in roadway in the 100 block of S. Franklin.

8:21 a.m. - Caller reported postman has had problems with dog at 940 E. Ninth.

1:35 p.m. - Subject came to station about harassment by phone. Report filed.

4:24 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large in the Walmart parking lot. Not found.

9:06 p.m. - Caller reported iPod stolen. Report filed.

Tuesday

9:39 a.m. - Assisted ambulance crew.

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported two dogs at large at Grant and Webster. Taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

12:56 p.m. - Warrant arrest made.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

Only routine items recorded.

Saturday

3:48 p.m. - Report filed for lost vehicle tag.

Sunday

1:13 a.m. - Booked Marquis Aungie.

1:21 a.m. - Booked Errol K. Webb.

9:01 a.m. - Released Webb.

9:03 a.m. - Released Aungie.

3:53 p.m. - Caller reported school speed zone light knocked over in the 3600 block of U.S. 83. Not an accident nor criminal; was wind damage. No report.

9:17 p.m. - Caller reported juvenile struck and kicked her at Victory House Christian Academy at

2505 County Rd. 2. Report filed.

11:01 p.m. - Booked juvenile.

11:28 p.m. - Took juvenile to Garden City Juvenile Detention.

Monday

7:40 a.m. - Caller reported large shop toolbox full of tools taken from shop in the 1300 block of County Rd. 22. Report filed.

12:02 p.m. - Brought two juveniles from Southwest Kansas Juvenile Detention Facility, Garden City, to Law Enforcement Center.

1:17 p.m. - Subject called with questions on undercarriage lights. Provided information.

5:10 p.m. - Report filed on forfeiture.

7:07 p.m. - Caller reported subjects on property in 3400 block of County Rd. B. Unable to locate.

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