

# Festive season has lots to offer in Colby

We are deep in the festivities of the Christmas holiday season.

It is the best time of the year for many of us with the festive foods, music, colorful decorations, lights and the opportunity to be with our families. Of course, there are many activities related to the season.

Santa City is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Monday through Friday hours will begin Monday, Dec. 10, when it will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24. Be sure to come and enjoy a Merry Little Christmas from A-Z. Mrs. Claus has the Christmas cookies baked and ready to share with visitors and Santa is ready to listen to children of all ages. There is no charge to attend Santa City.

Favorite Christmas activities include the United Methodist Women's Home Tour from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Homes on the tour this year include those of Evan and Regena Barnum, Dr. Stephen and Candace Vacik and Mike and Jeanene Brown. Tickets are available at the church office or at the homes on the tour.

Kappa Upsilon is holding their annual Cookie Walk from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Prairie Museum.



**Leilani Thomas**

## • On the Road Again!

The Christmas Light Parade will be held at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, running from Second and Franklin north to Santa City in Fike Park. This has become a holiday favorite. After the parade, you are invited to the American Legion for a soup supper. A great way to warm up if it is chilly outdoors.

From 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday Santa's Workshop, sponsored by the Thomas County Community Foundation, will be held at the Thomas County Office Complex. This is an opportunity for preschool to fourth graders to buy gifts for moms and dads for a suggested donation of \$4 per gift.

The American Legion Auxiliary is holding a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the post. Concessions will be served.

The Sixth Annual Holiday Gift and Craft Show will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Community Building.

A great chance to do some of that last minute shopping.

Pioneer Memorial Library is presenting *Booked for Lunch* from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday and promising a special Christmas program.

There are several musical programs. Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present a "Wrapsody" of Christmas and holiday favorites Sunday. The show will also feature the Trinity Lutheran Church Handbell Choir. It will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Frahm Theatre on the college campus. Admission will be charged.

A Christmas Revue featuring Colby Grade School fourth graders will be held Monday. "Forever Christmas" will be presented at 2 and 7 p.m. in the grade school auditorium. This is free and open to

the public.

Western Plains Arts Association is presenting George Dyer, his daughter and band from Branson, Mo., in a delightful Christmas show at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Colby High School. Admission is by season ticket or you may purchase a ticket at the door.

The Colby Community College Concert Choir and Concert Band will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at the Frahm Theatre and the Jazz Band and Sunflower Singers will perform on Tuesday.

Two shows are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11. The second and fifth grade music program will be presented by the Sacred Heart students at the school at 7 p.m. on Dec. 11. The Colby Middle School and High School Vocal and High School Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The fifth through eighth grade band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Dec. 18, in the grade school auditorium.

Other events which are not part of the holiday festivities include the Colby Eagle Wrestling Invitational. This annual event begins at 2 p.m. next Friday and continues at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8. Wrestling matches will be held at the high school and Community Building.

Food for Thought will be held at noon on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. Leonard Hopper, retired district wildlife biologist at Kansas Wildlife and Parks, will discuss "Wildlife and Agriculture."

The High Plains Lions are holding a Pancake Feed from 7 a.m. to

2 p.m. Saturday at the Community Building. Gem Lions are having their feed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Community Building.

The American Legion is holding a breakfast feed from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29.

It is a busy, festive time of the year.

Enjoy the season. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and prosperous and healthy 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.*

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