

Colby's holiday activities abound, from parade to Christmas concerts

We are now into the holiday season with all of the festive sounds, food and lights. Enjoy the many activities during this joyous time of the year.

Santa City is open from 1 to 5 p.m. weekends and from 6 to 8 p.m. week nights beginning Monday, Dec. 16. It will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve. The theme "Toys and Joys" is depicted at Santa City, the cookies are delicious and Santa and Mrs. Claus are there. There is no charge.

The Christmas Light Parade will be at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in downtown Colby running from Second and Franklin to Santa City in Fike Park. The theme is "Toys and Joys" and we hope floats will depict that theme. Registration forms are available at the Chamber. Pre-register so notes can be given to the emcee.

A soup supper will be held immediately after the parade at the American Legion. They will serve chicken noodle soup and chili. A donation will be accepted with net proceeds going toward Santa City.

Musical entertainment abounds during this season. The Western Plains Arts Association presents pianist Mac Frampton with his Christmas show at 3 p.m. Sunday,



Leilani Thomas

• On the Road Again!

Dec. 8, at the Cultural Arts Center. Colby Community College's winter music concert is at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Cultural Arts Center.

The fourth grade concert will be at 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Grade School Auditorium. The fifth grade band concert will be at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the auditorium.

The high school band concert and middle and high school vocal concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the High School Auditorium. Monday, Dec. 16, is the Sacred Heart Christmas program, at 7 p.m. at the school.

Other special programming includes *Booked for Lunch* at noon Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial Library. This will be a special Christmas program.

Harvest for Holidays by Diann Gerstner, consumer sciences agent for Thomas County Ex-

tension will also be Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the library. She promises that this is a fun and educational program that includes tasty treats and make-and-take section. Call 460-4582 by Monday to make reservations.

Santa's Workshop will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Thomas County Office Complex. This allows preschool children to fourth graders the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for their moms and dads all by themselves. It is sponsored by the Thomas County Community Foundation.

Finally, *Food for Thought* will be at noon Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Prairie Museum of Art and History. The program will be given by historian Joyce Thierer on "Our Food and Our Land."

A special annual athletic competition will again be held in December. The Colby Eagle Wrestling Invitational will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. Matches will be held at both the Community Building and Colby High School. Competition will

begin at 2 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday.

I realize there will be other holiday events scheduled for the holiday season, but we have not received information about them yet. We wish Holly Whitaker the very best as she travels to England to begin a new chapter of her life. She was awesome to work with. I look forward to working with Brette Hankin, I believe it will also be an awesome journey.

I attended the I-70 retreat Nov. 20 in Salina. I will be at an educational seminar about branding and the Travel Industries Association of Kansas board meeting Dec. 11 and 12. Northwest Kansas Travel Council meets Dec. 17 in WaKeeney.

Merry Christmas to all of you! I am also looking forward to next year and all that it promises.

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

Senior Progress Center

The Thomas County Health Department will be doing blood pressure checks Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. Health Department; after lunch: board meeting. **Wednesday:** snack day. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Wii game. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinocle.

Menus: **Monday:** Waikiki meatballs, broccoli, pineapple, rice, cookie. **Tuesday:** Mom's turkey casserole, peas, tropical fruit, no bake cookie. **Wednesday:** hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit cobbler. **Thursday:** tater tot casserole, California blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit. **Friday:** baked fish,

parslied potatoes, cooked spinach, applesauce.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch at the senior center. A contribution of \$3.25 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$6 for others.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

NEW SEWER CHARGE FOR 2014

City of Colby water meters were read on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Please remember that any water used from November 20, 2013 to February 20, 2014, will impact your new sewer charge which will be in effect for one year beginning with the bill you receive around April 1, 2014. Please be aware that any outdoor water used also impacts the sewer charge. Call Jolene at 460-4400 with questions.

Turkey patrols crosswalks

LAS VEGAS (AP) - A giant turkey is roving crosswalks in Las Vegas to squawk on drivers who don't yield to pedestrians.

Officers dressed in Thanksgiving bird finery are walking across the road as part of a sting operation. It's the fifth annual appearance of the safety mascot dubbed "Butterball One."

Police waiting to the sides of the crosswalks are slapping drivers who don't stop with fines starting at \$191.

The festive campaign underscores a sobering problem in southern Nevada. Safety advocates say 46 pedestrians have died so far this year in Clark County, where Las Vegas is located. That's ahead of last year's pace.

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8	9 Werth Huston	10 Birney Bazaz Fields	11 Pham Kobitary Korman Tirre Annest	12 Nagamani Freeman	13	14
15	16 Foot Clinic Clifford	17 Fisher Holmes	18 Fields Volz Lee	19 Larsen Curry	20 Frankum	21
22	23 Huston	24	25	26 Reeves	27	28
29	30 Huston	31				

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