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Christmas lights are twinkling all over town, including (above) at the home of Tom and Tohanna Benson at 935 W. Third St., winner of the 2008 Christmas Lights Contest for homes. Other displays to look for include (clockwise) a snow family at 340 E. Cherry (Lonnie & Brenda Kinderknecht), lights at 525, 545 and 565 Cherokee (Marisela Mainus, Brent and Connie Menges and Ronald and Linda Vrbas) and the entryway at 5 Cottonwood Drive (Brian and Tonya Staats).

## Judges find lights a delight

First prize in the residential category of the 2008 Colby Christmas Lights Contest went to the Thomas Benson house at 935 W. Third St., on the corner of Range and Third.

Jeff Horlacher of the Colby Promotion Committee said second prize went to the Beverly Johnson home at 825 W. Eighth St. First prize was worth \$100 and second prize \$75.

Commercial winners were the Colby United Methodist Church, first place and \$75, and Colby Community College, second place, \$50.

"There were many excellent

displays this year, and the out-of-town judges, who wish to remain anonymous, had a challenging time choosing the winners," Horlacher said.

Of the many homes considered in the contest, he said, the judges cited several as noteworthy: J.W. and Candy Knowles home at 815 E. Eighth, Doug and Donna Finley's at 422 Smith Drive, Debbie Applebaugh's at 885 Cherokee, Brian and Debbie Quagliano's at 270 W. Fifth, Jody and Bobette Maier's at 12 DeSoto Drive and Brian and Tonya Staat's at 5 Cottonwood Dr.



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## Famous squad coming

*Globetrotters set April Colby date*

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A team world-renowned for their basketball wizardry and humorous antics will be on the floor at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, at the Colby Community Building. Yes, none other than the Harlem Globetrotters are coming to town.

"The Harlem Globetrotters are the very definition of family entertainment and great basketball," said Michael Kenney, the team's senior vice president for live event marketing. "There will be no better time to come to the Colby Community Building arena and enjoy a wonderful family outing and memories that will last forever."

The Globetrotters' stop in Colby, he said, is part of their 2009 "Spinning the Globe" World Tour.

People will get to see players such as "Big Easy" Lofton, "Flight

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## Churches planning services

Many Thomas County churches are planning special services for Christmas:

The Presbyterian Church, 515 W. Fourth St., will have a Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m., but no Christmas morning service.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1065 W. Sixth St., will have Christmas Eve masses at 4 and 7 p.m. and a Christmas morning mass at 9 a.m.

The Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin Ave., will have Christmas Eve services at 6:30 and 11 p.m.

Ascension on the Prairie Episcopal Church, 1170 Wheat Ridge, will have a Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m.

The Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine St., will not have a Christmas Eve or Christmas service this year.

College Drive Assembly of God, 245 W. College Dr., plans a family Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. at the church. Sunday services will be at 10:15 a.m. at the high school auditorium.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 855 E. Fifth, will have Christmas Eve services at 7 p.m., Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. and New Year's Eve at 7 p.m.

Redeeming Love Ministries, 345 N. Franklin Ave., will have no Christmas Eve service, but will have a New Year's Eve "prayer and praise" party from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

## Briefly

### Santa to visit with kids today

The monthly Colby Chamber of Commerce Business After Five will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at Cersovsky Insurance, 370 N. Franklin Ave. The Chamber invites everyone to come and bring their children to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

### Hospital gift shop open longer

The gift shop at Citizens Medical Center will be open extended hours — from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. — on Thursday. Regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Library taking Food for Fines

Have a book that's a little overdue? The Pioneer Memorial Library is giving people the chance to pay their overdue fines by donating canned food before Christmas. The Food for Fines campaign will

run through Tuesday. Food will be given to Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank. For information, call the library at 460-4470.

### Fifth grade to give two shows

The Colby Grade School fifth graders will present their holiday program, "December in Our Town," at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday in the grade school auditorium. Vocal music teacher Jill Nickols says to come enjoy a multicultural celebration of the season.

### Pets available for adoption

Colby Animal Clinic has a yellow lab puppy about 6 months old, a younger black dog that looks like a Patterdale terrier, a small black-and-white terrier more than a year old, and two Italian greyhound puppies available for adoption. Call or stop by

810 E. Fourth St. All animals have current shots, and costs are minimal. For questions, call 460-8621.

### Piano students plan recital

The piano students of Sharon Kriss will hold a Christmas Recital at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Colby United Methodist Church. Students who will be performing are Brittany and Brooklyn Bange, Andrea Barton, Dryden and Lucas Baumfalk, Lauren Dempewolf, Bailey Foss, Abby and Allie Friesen, Miranda Kern, Amy Myers, Katelin Neuenschwander, Ashley Standage, Andrew and Anna Taylor, Rachel Urban and Stacey Williams. The public is invited.

### Vocal concert Monday night

Colby Middle School and High School students will give their winter vocal concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the High School Auditorium. Perform-

ing will be the sixth-grade choir, seventh and eighth-grade choir, the high school Women's Choir, the CHS Singers and the Concert Choir, said music teacher Jill Nickols. Don't miss this wonderful night of music to get you in the holiday spirit.

### County offices to close early

The Thomas County courthouse, office complex and landfill will be closed from 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Dec. 26, and on Thursday, Jan. 1. The country transportation van will not run during those times.

### City crew trimming trees

The Colby city crew is trimming trees over streets and sidewalks as the weather allows. Trees will be trimmed to 13 feet, 6 inches above streets and 8 feet above sidewalks, said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong. For questions, call the city at 460-4410.



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