

More families talk about Thanksgiving

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Sheila Plummer hosted Thanksgiving dinner in Winona at the home of her parents, Verlin and Norma Lee Plummer. Thanksgiving Day guests were Shawn and Shelly Plummer and family, Kevin and Andrea Plummer and sons, Nichole Plummer and Ashton, Lyle Herrmann, Sammy and Herb Russell and Richard and Rosalie Pinkston. Donita Goyen spent Thanksgiving weekend at the home of Kevin and Dorena Goyen, Sarah and Skyler in Kingman. Thanksgiving Day guests were Doug and Tandy Wine of McPherson and Devin Goyen of Kendall.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of David and Judy Gfeller were Andy and Staci Hansen and girls of Marion, Kent and Cindy Gfeller and family, Dennis and Jana Gfeller and family and Jeff and Darla Braun and sons of Victoria.

Staci Hansen, Kourtney and Kirsten and Kara Gfeller visited their grandmother, Helen Gates, at Logan County Manor in Oakley Saturday.

Gerald and Gertrude Shelton spent Thanksgiving with their family at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Vern and Sherry Reser, in Denver.

Skylar and Brienna Hanson traveled with their grandparents, Carl

and Gloria Hanson, to South Coffeyville Wednesday. Carla Jo Brakhage joined them and they drove on to Tulsa, Okla. where they had Thanksgiving Day with Carl’s and Gloria’s grandson, Joshua Brakhage. Joshua is beginning a career in communications and journalism. He experienced covering news from the site of Hurricane Katrina.

Darline Stramel spent Thanksgiving in Logan with Tony and Toby Stramel, Taylor and Taryn.

All of the planning and anticipation of the first Sunday of Advent

came to fruition at the Winona United Methodist Church. After an inspiring message from Pastor Mike Eurit, the scene was set for hanging of the greens. Following the worship service sights and sounds of Christmas carols echoed throughout the church. Windows and the tree were decorated; and lots of activity was taking place outside despite the howling wind and moisture beginning to fall.

A potluck meal, fun and fellowship at noon in Dunlap Hall was the reward. Choir practice followed at 1 p.m. The choir is getting excited

about singing “A Carol to the King” Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. in the afternoon.

The week ends with a variety of activity. South of Highway 40 a cellular communications tower is being raised. In town, beautiful pheasants are adorning roof tops and roaming the streets. Unfortunately, some of Jeff’s beautiful birds escaped their compound.

The community was saddened to hear of the death of former resident, Harley Gfeller in Russell Monday. Condolences are extended to Jeanette and family.

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Card Showers

Brewster woman to celebrate 80th

Allie Helin of Brewster will celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday. Her children and grandchildren are requesting a card shower in her honor for that day. Cards may be mailed to her at: P.O. Box 111, Brewster, Kan. 67732.

Family requests cards

The family of Gerald Tubbs, Sr. is requesting a card shower for his 80th birthday. Although his birthday was Tuesday, Dec. 6, belated wishes may be sent to: 945 E. 5th St., Colby, Kan. 67701.

Babies

Rayne Dawnelle Erickson

Brad and Angie Erickson of Rexford announce the birth of their daughter, Rayne Dawnelle Erickson on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Citizens Medical Center. Rayne weighed 7 pounds, and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jane Keck, Phil and Alana Keck, all of Colby, and Ron and Marlene Erickson of Rexford. Great-grandmother is Eva Keck of Colby.

Rayne was welcomed home by siblings Brett, Regent and Tabor.

Court says state can tax fuel on reservations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kansas can tax fuel that is ultimately sold on American Indian reservations, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, dealing a blow to tribal members who claim the tax violates their sovereignty.

In a 7-2 vote, the high court said the state can tax distributors who sell fuel destined for an Indian-owned gas station near the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe’s casino, about 15 miles north of Topeka, Kan.

The decision is an important victory for states trying to stem the loss of tax revenue as more goods and services are sold to businesses on Indian reservations.

Writing for the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas said Kansas is not trying to regulate tribal activity but is simply taxing non-Indian companies based outside the reservation that distribute fuel to tribal operators.

“Kansas law makes clear that it is the distributor, rather than the retailer, that is liable to pay the motor fuel tax,” Thomas wrote. “While the distributors are ‘entitled’ to pass along the cost of the tax to downstream purchasers ... they are not required to do so.”

The ruling reversed a decision by the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said the tax violated tribal sovereignty. The lower court said the fuel’s value derived mostly from demand on the reservation.

Kansas officials praised the ruling, saying it would allow the state to use tax revenues to pay for maintenance on highways, roads and bridges.

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