

Family

Turkey dinner benefits church, community



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press

Diners seemed to be enjoying the turkey and dressing Sunday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church’s annual Thanksgiving dinner in the church basement. About 570 people showed up

for the event, which raises money for the Altar Society Fund which pay for church and community needs, Reverend Dana D. Clark said.

Brewster Schools

Brewster Schools will present the play “Nothing but the Truth” at 7 p.m. Saturday, with a dinner at 5:30 p.m. There will be an encore presentation at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Upcoming events: Thursday — Junior high basketball with Sharon Springs at Brewster Friday — Western Kansas Liberty League Vocal Clinic at Cheylin, 10 a.m., with concert at 6 p.m. Saturday — School play 7 p.m., dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday — School play, 3 p.m. Monday — High school scholars bowl at Wheatland, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday — Junior high basketball, postponed to Jan. 9.

Menus for next week: Tuesday — Pigs in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, peas, applesauce, mixed fruit, rolls. Wednesday — Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, carrots, pumpkin cake, peaches, banana half, rolls. Thursday — Hamburgers, fries, baby carrots, cole slaw, orange slices, apple slices, roll. Next Monday — Cavatini, green beans, applesauce, apricots, garlic bread. Tuesday, Nov. 25 — Tacos, corn, baby carrots, peaches, pears, rolls. Salad bar and milk with all lunches.

Don’t be confused – it’s only November

Happy Holidays! No, wait — it’s only the beginning of November.

If you’ve been to any store recently, though, you’ll understand my confusion! On display beside discounted Halloween costumes and monster masks you’ll find Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Santa Claus.

The annual Christmas marketing blitz is in full swing. The National Retail Federation recently surveyed more than 8,000 consumers and found that 40 percent of them started holiday shopping before Halloween. (I guess that explains the merging of holiday merchandise in our stores this year.)

The federation also found that holiday spending will increase only 1.9 percent this year from last year and that many of those surveyed said they will spend less on their family members this holiday season.

The survey results may be discouraging for retailers, but it is good news for consumers. Retailers see the writing on the wall and are working hard to convince us to spend our hard-earned dollars at their stores.

There will be many good deals out there, but you must be careful not to spend beyond your means. As a friend’s husband once put it, “You’re good dealing us into the poor house!”

Go into the holiday season with



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a plan. Have a list, know exactly what your friends and loved ones would like, establish a firm budget before even stepping into the store, and search for coupons and promotions.

The most important component of the plan? Build your resolve! Don’t let the joy of the season convince you to go on a spending spree that you will regret when the credit-card bills pile up and the checking account is tapped out.

Retailers know consumers will be shopping smarter this holiday season, and as a result, some stores have reinstituted lay-a-way plans. Many are all offering consumers this tried and true method of purchasing merchandise on a payment plan without using a credit card.

Also, remember to use the Internet as you are putting your list of stops together. Many of the stores in your community have websites with merchandise available only on-line and specials, including free shipping and deeper discounts than you’ll find in the stores.

It may seem early to think about Christmas shopping, but a little extra planning and shopping around will save you those hard-earned dollars.

Corrections

An article in the Wednesday, Nov. 13, Colby Free Press about the Thomas County commissioners, “County caps and expense pleas,” incorrectly stated that the commissioners voted to put a \$300 cap on department spending without special permission. The \$300 maximum spending cap adopted last week was actually for central purchasing, said Thomas County Deputy Clerk Susan Guill. Once a year, the departments can give an office supply order to the clerk’s office. These supplies are paid for from a central purchasing fund. Commissioners ruled that the departments can ask for no more than \$300 in supplies. This error resulted at least partly from confusion and misinformation about the motion.

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Deaths

Jack A. Calliham

Jack A. Calliham, 75, a truck driver and lifelong Colby resident, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008, in Eldon, Mo.

Mr. Calliham was born Dec. 21, 1932, in Colby. He drove for many different companies throughout his life.

He leaves a sister, Sheila Lunsbury, Palm Harbor, Fla.; a son, Kenneth Calliham; and three daughters, Jack Kay Driver and Deborah Sue Calliham-Growney, both of Jefferson City, Mo., and

Valorie Calliham, of New Hampshire; and four grandchildren

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with Pastor James Mardock officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Harrison Chapel.

The family suggests contributions to the Thomas County Historical Society, in care of the funeral home, Box 632, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Red Barn News

This month in the Red Barn in Rexford:

- There are cookbooks, Rexford phone books and magnetic address books available.
- Weekly meetings include the Barnswallows, 2-5 p.m. Mondays, Ladies’ Bible study at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, the Come on Down

group at 2-5 p.m. Thursday, and Koffee Klatch from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

• November birthdays include Ray Zoberst and Lawrence Juenemann, Nov. 17; Gade Cheney, Nov. 24; Eileen Dible, Nov. 26; Marguerite Black, Nov. 27; Jean Hawkins, Nov. 29; and Rex Carswell, Nov. 30.

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