

Gingerbread houses turning into a big business

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NEW YORK — Out of the kitchen and into the hotel lobby: Gingerbread houses have gone from being a homemade project done with mom to professional exhibits designed by pastry chefs and sometimes even architects.

And never mind the humble miniature: Some displays are life-

size, while others depict entire villages. A few extravaganzas raise money for charity, while some include contests for home bakers. Many are part of larger Christmas celebrations at luxury hotels that also showcase decorated trees, Santa visits and holiday menus.

Susan Matheson, co-author of the book "The Gingerbread Architect: Recipes and Blueprints for Twelve Classic American

Homes," says these types of professional gingerbread creations "are elaborately detailed, spell-binding constructions that must require an army of pastry chefs, historians, engineers and consulting experts. The results can elevate the craft to a high art form that transports the viewer into an ethereal miniature fairy world." But Matheson doesn't approve of glue guns or other non-edible

components: "It's 100 percent digestible or count me out."

One example of high art gingerbread houses can be found at Le Parker Meridien hotel in midtown Manhattan. For the fourth year, the hotel is hosting a display of gingerbread houses designed by New York City bakeries. They include replicas of the Egyptian Sphinx, the Mexican temple Chichen Itza and the Lincoln Memorial.

Student News

Colby Public Schools

Activities: Monday: 7 p.m. school board, administration building. **Thursday:** end of second quarter and first semester; basketball, Ulysses; wrestling vs. Goodland. **Friday:** no school, winter break.

Menus: Monday: breakfast: cheese omelet, orange juice, graham crackers; lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, cauliflower with cheese, pineapple, biscuit. **Tuesday:** breakfast: French toast, syrup, cinnamon applesauce; lunch: chili, cinnamon rolls, baby carrots, fruit mix. **Wednesday:** breakfast: cereal, apple juice; lunch: burrito, lettuce, tomato, salsa, diced peppers, peas. **Thursday:** breakfast: donuts, grape juice; lunch: turkey and cheese sandwich, tater tots, broccoli with cheese, applesauce, graham crackers.

Sacred Heart

Activities: Thursday: second quarter ends. **Friday:** no school.

Menus: Monday: pig in a blanket, potato wedges, broccoli with cheese, fresh apples, gelatin with juice. **Tuesday:** chicken wrap, romaine and tomato mix, Spanish rice, steamed carrots, tropical fruit. **Wednesday:** spaghetti, meat sauce, garden spinach salad, fresh grapes. **Thursday:** taco salad, whole grain corn, tortilla chips and salsa, refried beans, cinnamon puff, pineapple tidbits.

Heartland

Activities: Monday: 7 p.m. board meeting. **Wednesday:** 8:10 a.m. semester exams, half day grades six to 12 only. **Thursday:** end of quarter; 9:10 a.m. semester

exams; noon — early dismissal; 4 p.m. junior high girls basketball at Almena vs. Northern Valley; 4 p.m. junior high boys basketball at Healy vs. Damar. **Friday:** no school, Christmas break.

Golden Plains

Activities: Monday: 5 p.m. elementary soup supper; 7 p.m. elementary Christmas program, Selden. **Tuesday:** 4:30 p.m. high school basketball vs. St. Francis, Rexford. **Thursday:** 7 p.m. middle school-high school winter music program. **Friday:** end second quarter/end first semester.

Menus: Rexford: Monday: breakfast: French toast; lunch: lasagna. **Tuesday:** breakfast: pizza bobs; lunch: taco soup. **Wednesday:** breakfast: breakfast combo; lunch: Christmas dinner. **Thursday:** breakfast: bagels; lunch: chicken and noodles. **Friday:** breakfast: cook's choice; lunch: cook's choice.

Selden

Monday: breakfast: muffin; lunch: baked ham. **Tuesday:** breakfast: cake doughnut; lunch: pizza. **Wednesday:** breakfast: biscuit, gravy; lunch: tacos. **Thursday:** breakfast: monkey bread; lunch: weiner wrap. **Friday:** breakfast: eggs, toast; lunch: chicken patty.

Brewster

Activities: Monday: 7 p.m. Board of Education. **Tuesday:** 7 p.m. Christmas concert.

Thursday: half day of school, half day workday; end of second quarter. **Friday:** no school, vacation.

Menus: Monday: breakfast: scrambled eggs; lunch: hamburgers, baked beans, fries, veggie

stick. Tuesday: breakfast: blueberry muffin; lunch: ham, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, cooked carrots. **Wednesday:** breakfast: pancakes, sausage; lunch: taco, lettuce, corn. **Thursday:** breakfast: sausage biscuit; lunch: grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots.

Colby Community College

Activities: Monday: faculty work day; no classes; 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees. **Tuesday:** faculty work day; no classes. **Wednesday:** no classes. **Thursday:** no classes; offices closed. **Friday:** no classes; offices closed.

Triplains

Activities: Monday: school in session, no kindergarten. **Tues-**

day: kindergarten; high school music student trip to Denver.

Wednesday: kindergarten; high school music students trip to Denver. **Thursday:** end of second nine weeks; 2 p.m. Kay Club Christmas party. **Friday:** no school, Christmas break.

Menus: Monday: Salisbury steak. **Tuesday:** tacos. **Wednesday:** tornadoes. **Thursday:** chicken strips.

Send us your calendars and menus. Email colby.society@nw-kansas.com or mail Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Senior Progress Center

Wednesday is the Christmas Party and Friday the Young At Heart Singers will be at the Senior Progress Center. Everyone is welcome to enjoy time with friends.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. Skip Bo. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. backgammon. **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. Christmas party. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinochle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. Young at Heart Singers.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** ground beef stroganoff, spinach salad, mixed fruit, pudding. **Tuesday:** ham, sweet potatoes, cranberry-apple salad, roll, bar cookie.

Wednesday: chicken noodle soup, five-cup salad, crackers, bread pudding. **Thursday:** hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, peaches, birthday cake.

Friday: Spanish rice with hamburger, Italian blend vegetables, gelatin with fruit, cook's choice complement.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and guests to lunch Monday through Friday at the senior center. Home delivery is available. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested for seniors, \$5.25 for others.

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

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 1:10 p.m. Red Barn Gang leaves for Oakley; 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies' Bible study. **Thursday:** 2

p.m. Come On Down; 6:30 p.m. Spuds 'n Splits. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. koffee Klatch; 1:10 p.m. Red Barn gang leaves for Colby; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

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