

# THE GOLDEN YEARS

The El Dorado Senior Center Monthly Newsletter



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## 2024 BOARD & STAFF

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MEMBER AT LARGE: MARK SOMERVILLE  
MEMBER AT LARGE: ANN TEMPLETON**

**DIRECTOR - KRISTINA TRAINA  
KITCHEN - SUZIE WOLL**

## DECEMBER POTLUCK PARTY!

Can we top our record-breaking streak of 72 guests? Let's make it happen this December!

**Date: Monday, December 2nd  
Time: 6:00 PM**

Main Course: Turkey

Entertainment By: El Dorado High School  
Encore

We're serving up delicious turkey, and we need your help to make this feast even better! Bring your favorite sides or desserts that pair perfectly with turkey, and let's end the year with a festive bang.

Last month, we had an amazing turnout! Doug Odom shared fascinating tidbits about the local WWII museum (don't forget to check it out!)

Who knows what fun surprises December will bring? See you there!

**FOLLOW US ON OUR NEW  
FACEBOOK PAGE.  
EL DORADO SENIOR CENTER**



# HONORING OUR HEROES: VETERANS TRIBUTE WALL

At the El Dorado Senior Center, we cherish the sacrifices and dedication of our Veterans—those who have served in all wars, across all branches of the military. To honor their legacy, we are creating a Veterans Tribute Wall to celebrate their service and preserve their stories for generations to come.

We invite our members to bring photos of their family members who are Veterans to the office. Whether they served in recent years or long ago, every story matters. Please include their name and, if possible, the branch of the military they served in.

Kristina will make copies of your photos and return the originals to you. Together, we can create a heartfelt tribute to those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Thank you for helping us pay tribute to those who served.

## MONTHLY TIP: Stay Warm and Healthy!

Dress in layers, keep your home at 68°F or warmer, and sip on hot drinks. Stay active indoors with light exercises, and check on friends and neighbors to spread holiday cheer!

## JOIN US FOR AEROBICS

Come join us for Aerobics Class every Monday at 10 AM at the Center. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting started, this class is perfect for all fitness levels.



Our light-impact workouts are designed to be easy on the joints while giving you a boost of energy to start your week off right. Want to challenge yourself a little more? We've got weights available to take your workout to the next level! The best part? You set the pace. Go as hard or as easy as you like—this is your time to shine.

Come solo, bring a friend, or invite a group—let's make fitness fun together. It's not just exercise; it's a movement. Don't miss out on the exercise revolution happening right here in El Dorado!

See you Monday at 10 AM—let's get moving!



If athletes get athlete's foot, what do elves get? Mistle-toes.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.

My grandson asked me why my knees creak when I walk. I told him it's just my bones applauding me for getting up.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR WONDERFUL SENIORS!



Another year older, another year wiser! Let's celebrate the birthdays of all our amazing seniors. Whether you're celebrating a milestone or just another year of life, you deserve to feel special. Remember, age is just a number, and life is a journey to be enjoyed. So, let's make this year's birthdays extra special with lots of love, laughter, and good company!

Darlene Andrews  
Kevin Beard  
Norman Bilson  
Marilyn Brown  
Mary Ann Broyles  
Pat Conine  
Roxann Cool  
Betty Corbin  
Robin Day

Bill Eller  
Janice Grosch  
Tonnie Grunder  
Jerry Haines  
George Henderson  
Jeff Heyboer  
Maurice Hind  
Pat Hunter

Bobbie Jaax  
Bill Kightlinger  
Virginia Linden  
Oleta McKinney  
Debra Murphy  
Gerry O'Connor  
Judy Parks  
Linda Patty

Debbie Pierce  
Dale Potter  
Linda Proctor  
Carol Renshaw  
Tressia Ryan  
Luann Spence  
Peggy Starkey  
Carla Stephens  
Sally Young

**“You know you’re getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you’re down there.” -George Burns**

## WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

We’re thrilled to welcome our newest members to the El Dorado Senior Center! Every new face brings fresh stories, laughter, and the opportunity to make lifelong friends. Whether you’re joining us for lunch, activities, or just great company, we’re excited to have you in our vibrant community.

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** These members will not be able to vote in the board elections.

Check out the newest additions to our family below, and be sure to say hello when you see them around!

Steve Cost  
Aaron Cruz  
Jo Cruz  
Tim Duerksen  
Keith Hillis

Kerri Larkin  
Kimberly Lucas  
Rosa Morton  
Timothy Myers  
Karen Schowalter

Peggy Schupp  
Dana Shaft  
Steve Shaft  
Jennifer Walker  
Connie Ware

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Just a friendly reminder that we will be **CLOSED** on December 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holidays, as well as December 31st and January 1st for the New Year. We hope you enjoy the festivities with your loved ones!

## THE BUZZ

**DISCOVER YOUR INNER ARTIST: "HOW TO DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE"**  
 Have you noticed the beautiful new artwork around the center? It's by our talented member, Kate Rhoads! Starting on **January 8th**, Kate will teach a new class, "How to Draw a Straight Line", **every Wednesday at 9:30 AM**.

This beginner-friendly class will cover the basics of drawing—you might just uncover a hidden talent! Don't miss this creative opportunity to learn from a pro. Sign-up in the office today! Let's get drawing!

### **NEW IN JANUARY: AFTERNOON TAI CHI & YOGA**

Looking to relax and recharge? Starting in January, join us for video-based Tai Chi and Yoga sessions in the afternoons!

These gentle, guided practices are perfect for all levels and a great way to stay active while finding your inner calm. Details and times will be announced soon—get ready to move, stretch, and breathe your way to wellness.

### **KNOW IT ALL TRIVIA - JOIN THE FUN!**

Think you've got what it takes to be crowned trivia champ? Join us for Know It All Trivia every **3rd Tuesday at 2 PM** on the North Side, starting **December 17!**

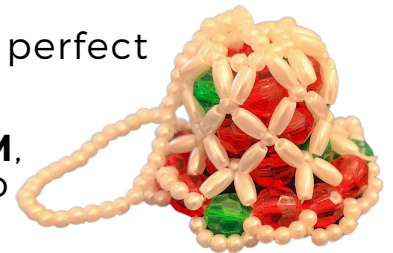
This fun event is **free for members, with a \$2 fee for non-members**. Open to all ages, so bring a friend and test your knowledge!

A big thank you to Walnut River Brewery for helping us host this exciting new event. Let's see who really knows it all—don't miss out!

### **DECEMBER CRAFT OF THE MONTH: BEAD BELLS**

Join the Crafty Seniors Society for a festive morning of creativity! This month's craft is Bead Bells, taught by the talented Janice Grosch. These one-of-a-kind decorations are perfect for the holiday season.

The class will be held on **December 9th at 9:30 AM**. Cost is \$5 and seating is limited, so sign up today to secure your spot.



### **GET FESTIVE WITH A PAINTING CLASS**

Grab your brushes—Sheila from Coutts Art Museum is back! Join us for a festive painting class on **December 7th at 2 PM**. The cost is just \$5, and spots are limited to 20 participants.

Don't miss this chance to get creative and paint the season merry and bright!

Sign up today to secure your spot!



# THE BUZZ

## JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS BINGO FUN!

Mark your calendars for an exciting afternoon of festive fun at our Christmas Bingo fundraiser! The event will take place on **Saturday, December 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Get ready to slide your way to holiday cheer with brand-new bingo cards and exciting prizes!



For **\$10 each**, you'll receive one bingo card and the chance to win amazing prizes, including a big bag of groceries with a holiday ham and special blackout prizes. Seating is limited, so be sure to arrive early to grab your spot.

This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and family for an afternoon of fun and holiday spirit. Don't miss your chance to support a great cause and potentially walk away with some fantastic prizes! We can't wait to see you there—let the bingo festivities begin!

## GET READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH "BRANDED"!

Put on your ugliest Christmas sweater and join us at the North Side of the Senior Center on **Thursday, December 19th, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** for a night of fun and live music by "Branded"!



Entry is just **\$5**, and the event is open to all ages. Bring your favorite Christmas snack and get ready for an evening of toe-tapping, feet-moving fun. Don't miss out—see you there!

**\*NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO DANCE in JANUARY. STAY TUNED AS WE ARE PLANNING A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FEBRUARY!**



## LET US COOK FOR YOU! 5TH SUNDAY FUNDRAISER

Tired of all the holiday cooking? Let us handle lunch! Join us on **Sunday, December 29th, starting at 11:30 AM**, for a delicious meal open to the public and perfect for everyone.

Our menu features:

- ✦ Ham Loaf
- ✦ Cheesy Potatoes
- ✦ Green Bean Almondine
- ✦ Side Salad
- ✦ Dessert

**All this for just \$10!**

Call-in orders are welcome, so skip the kitchen and enjoy a cozy, home-cooked meal without the hassle. Come hungry, bring your friends, and help support our fundraiser—you won't want to miss it!



## Time to Renew Your Membership!

For just \$10, swing by the office and renew your membership to stay in the loop with all the perks! Plus, you'll get a snazzy new membership card featuring our brand-new logo. Members enjoy benefits that non-members only dream about—so don't miss out! Renew today and keep the good times rolling!

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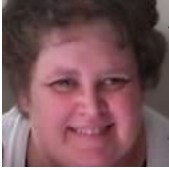


## MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OPEN BOARD SEATS!

As the Senior Center continues to thrive and serve the community, it's time to select new leaders to help guide our mission. Members running for the open board seats will be attending the Potluck Dinner on Monday, December 2, to share more about themselves and their goals. Here's a chance to get to know them:

### SECRETARY CANDIDATE

#### Janet Spencer



Janet is inspired by the camaraderie and joy she has observed among members at the center. She's eager to contribute her commitment and dedication to projects that benefit both administration and members. From administrative duties to creating new and exciting activities, Janet aims to help make the Senior Center the best it can be.

### AT-LARGE CANDIDATES (3 POSITIONS OPEN)

#### Karen Anderson



Karen enjoys volunteering and meeting new people. She's a planner who loves seeing ideas come to life. Karen is excited to support new projects and help create meaningful changes at the center.

#### Sandy Greenwood



Sandy loves seeing everyone come together to share camaraderie and have fun. She's passionate about making the craft room more accessible and listening to members' ideas to foster supportive and engaging activities for all.

#### Barbara Higgins



Barbara seeks to have a more active role in shaping how the center functions. She envisions fostering intergenerational activities by involving elementary children in events with seniors. As the current secretary, Barbara is stepping back to an at-large position to continue her support while contributing in a new way.

#### Joe Hunter



Joe is passionate about understanding and improving the center's operations. His focus is on keeping the kitchen fully staffed with volunteers, ensuring lunches remain a vital service for members. Joe also wants to grow the volunteer pool to support all areas of the center.



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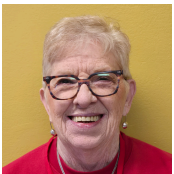
## (MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OPEN BOARD SEATS! CONTINUED)

### Susan Johnson



Susan, a current at-large member, recently moved to El Dorado and filled a temporary board position. She’s inspired by community involvement and the volunteer aspects of the center. Susan would like to bring fresh ideas, including more outside trips, and assist in fulfilling member-submitted projects.

### Connie Langhofer



Connie wants to be more involved in planning and other aspects of the center’s operations. She hopes to collaborate on board projects and enhance communication within the community to showcase all the incredible things happening at the center.

### Jerry Thorburn



Jerry is dedicated to supporting the new director and helping the center grow. He values listening to members’ needs and ideas and is committed to fostering a supportive environment for everyone.

### Barbara Trent



Barbara enjoys coming to the center for fun and is excited to support the board’s initiatives. She looks forward to contributing to the projects that make the center an engaging and welcoming place for everyone.



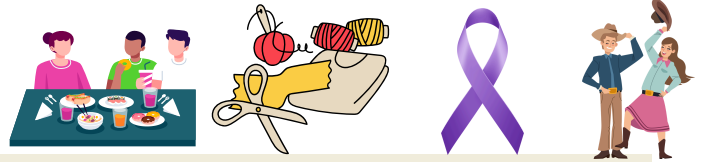
These candidates bring diverse perspectives and unique ideas to the table, all with a shared passion for improving the center. Don’t miss your chance to hear directly from them at the potluck dinner! Your vote will help shape the future of the Senior Center.

Keep an eye on your email for the voting link on Monday, December 9th. In-person voting will also take place that same day at the center.

Voting will close on Monday, December 16th, so be sure to make your voice heard!



# ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE



## DAILY

COFFEE 9:00 A.M.

LUNCH 11:30 A.M.

OPEN GAMES 2:00 P.M



*Don't forget*

FREE ACCESS TO WIFI AND COMPUTERS DAILY.

BRING IN YOUR SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS FOR FREE SHREDDING.

## WEEKLY

## MONTHLY

1st Monday - Potluck 6 P.M.

2nd Monday - Craft Corner 9:30 A.M.

3rd Monday - ALZ/Dementia Support Group 5:30 P.M.

3rd Tuesday - Know It All Trivia - 2 P.M. North Side

3rd Thursday - LIVE Bands & Dancing 6:30 P.M.

5th Sunday Luncheon - December 29th 11:30 A.M.

### MONDAY

- Morning Movers: Walk, Talk and Roll 9:00 A.M.
- Aerobics 10:00 A.M.
- Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30 P.M.

### TUESDAY

- Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
- Bingo 12:30 P.M.



### WEDNESDAY

- Back to Balance 10:00 A.M.
- Hand & Foot 12:30 P.M.
- Prairie Port Seniors (Pitch & Hand & Foot) 1:00 P.M.

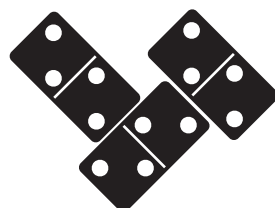
### THURSDAY

- Tai Chi 9:30 A.M.
- Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30 P.M.



### FRIDAY

- Morning Movers: Walk, Talk and Roll 9:00 A.M.
- Aerobics 10:00 A.M.
- Hand & Foot 12:30 P.M.



## STAY IN THE LOOP

 **Text Reminders:** Sign up for text message reminders by simply letting the office know.

 **Email Newsletters:** Want our newsletter delivered straight to your inbox? Swing by the office to join the list!

# DECEMBER LUNCH MENU

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**



**11:30 A.M.**

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**

*\*Menu Subject to Change Without Notice*

Tired of the same old lunch?  
Join us for fresh, homemade  
meals made with love!  
Call (316) 321-0142 to place  
your order at least one day  
in advance.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Baked Beans	3 Goulash Waldorf Salad	4 BBQ Meatballs Baked Potato Harvard Beets	5 Garlic Potato Chowder 1/2 Grilled Cheese	6 Tuna Casserole Coleslaw
9 Hamburger Baked Beans	10 Green Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice	11 Chicken Noodle Soup Mixed Veggies	12 Polish Sausage w/ Cabbage Potatoes & Carrots	13 Chili Raw Veggies
16 <b>MONTERREY FUNDRAISER</b> <b>11:30 A.M</b> <b>\$8</b>	17 Lasagna Garlic Bread Garden Salad	18 Cranberry Apricot Glazed Pork Loin Cheesy Potatoes	19 Ham & Bean Soup Cornbread	20 Hot Dog w/Sour Kraut Buttered Peas
23 Chicken & Wild Rice Soup 1/2 Pimento	24 <b>SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED</b> 	26 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	27 Popcorn Shrimp Steak Fries
30 Sausage & Hashbrown Casserole Sliced Peaches	31 <b>SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</b>	1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED</b> 		<b>All meals served with dessert.</b>



**REMINDER! POTLUCK IS DECEMBER 2ND AT 6 PM**



## KNOWLEDGE NUGGETS



- December, originally the tenth month in the ancient Roman calendar (750 BC–45 BC), derives its name from "tenth month." Julius Caesar's calendar reform in 45 BC added January and February at the year's start, shifting December to the twelfth position but leaving its name unchanged.
- On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black woman, refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, for a white man. This led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Civil Rights Movement, inciting a fight for racial equality in the United States.
- The first heart transplant was conducted by Dr. Christiaan Barnard on December 2, 1967, in Cape Town, South Africa. The recipient, Louis Washkansky, lived for 18 days with the new heart.
- December 2, 1976, marked the release of "Hotel California" by the Eagles. The album would go on to become one of the best-selling albums of all time.
- December 4, 1892 saw the world premiere of Tchaikovsky's world-famous ballet "The Nutcracker" in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- On December 25th, 336, the first documented Christmas celebration took place in Rome under the rule of Roman Emperor Constantine I.

## BRADFORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY SERVICES



### LARGE PRINT BOOKS

The Bradford Memorial Library brings in large print books for our members to check out. These books are kept in the office and are swapped out monthly, so there's always something new to read!

### Can't Get Out of the House?

No problem! Butler County Library Outreach delivers books right to your door. If you're interested in receiving this service or know someone who would benefit, call Outreach at 316-321-3363 or email [sidney@bradfordlibrary.info](mailto:sidney@bradfordlibrary.info).

### Issues with Your Eyesight?



El Dorado Senior Center presents TALKING BOOKS! This service, provided by the Library of Congress, National Library Service, and Kansas State Library, makes it possible for those with low vision or physical limitations to enjoy thousands of books and magazines for free!

### Access Books Easily



- Use your phone, tablet, or computer to download audiobooks.
- Order books in braille.
- Get a FREE player to use at home with audiobooks mailed directly to you.

For more information or to start using Talking Books, call the ESC office at 316-321-0142 today!

# SENIOR RESOURCES

## THRIVE NOW AT THE SENIOR CENTER

We are excited to announce that Thrive has opened an office at the El Dorado Senior Center! Thrive is here to assist you with navigating online resources and completing forms for benefits such as: Social Security, Medicare, the Healthcare Marketplace, insurance, Medicaid, food assistance, disability, LIEAP and more.



### Medicare Open Enrollment Appointments

Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15th to December 7th. Schedule early to avoid the rush!

### Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment

Medicare Advantage Open enrollment is Jan. 1-March 31, during this time (only) people who ALREADY have an advantage plan can switch to another advantage plan or change back to original Medicare.

### Marketplace Insurance Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Marketplace Insurance is from November 1st to January 15th. This is for anyone up to the age of 65, including some seniors who may need insurance.

### LIEAP Information

LIEAP application season opens early this year, from November 18th to March 31st at 5 PM. The program helps with electricity, home gas service, and wood burning. Applications can be printed or completed online.

### Presumptive Eligibility Specialist Services

Helping parents (of children under 19), children, and pregnant individuals get immediate Medicaid coverage if eligible. This service might be useful for your family members.

### Contact Information

To make an appointment with Andrea Campbell or Heather Patterson from Thrive, please call Andrea at 785-230-8809 or email her at [Andrea@thriveallencounty.org](mailto:Andrea@thriveallencounty.org) or Heather 316-737-8170, [heather@thriveallencounty.org](mailto:heather@thriveallencounty.org). **PLEASE NOTE - Heather will be out of the office from December 23rd to January 1st. Andrea will also be out during this time, except for, December 30th and 31st.**

## LEARN AND GROW WITH US

At the Center, we're here to help you reach your goals, keep learning, and stay independent. We offer various resources, classes, support groups, and seminars to support you.

Have something you'd like to learn? Want to get more familiar with your smartphone or computer? Share your ideas in the suggestion box or talk to Kristina directly!

Kristina can also help you find our new Senior Center Facebook page.

## PREVENTING ELDER ABUSE

Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation are serious issues that can affect anyone. It's crucial to address them promptly and compassionately.

If you or someone you know is experiencing any form of abuse, please reach out for help. Contact the Butler County Prevention of Elder Abuse at 1-800-279-3655 or 316-322-4254. Your call will be confidential, and support is available.

# SENIOR RESOURCES

## FOOT CARE CLINIC BY HERMES HEALTHCARE



Hermes HealthCare offers a convenient Foot Care Clinic right here at the senior center! To schedule an appointment for a pedicure, please call 316-260-4110. These services are covered by Medicare.

### DATES:

December 6

## COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Commodities Distribution!

Distribution will take place on the **North Side** from **1 PM - 2 PM** on the following dates in 2024:

December 11

To submit an application for the Supplemental Food Program, please call the United Methodist Open Door Program office at (316) 267-0511.

Please pick up your commodities on the date to avoid any inconvenience. Timely pickup is crucial to ensure everyone receives their items smoothly.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you're seeking comfort and support through grief, join the Heartfelt Grief Support Group at Family Worship Center, 701 S. Atchison, El Dorado.

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please use the NW parking lot and entrance.



## EL DORADO ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP



Presented By: Alzheimer's Association  
Central & Western, KS

### Who Joins a Support Group?

People of all ages and backgrounds join support groups. They seek support, knowledge about the disease, and ways to help each other with Alzheimer's challenges.

### Why Join a Support Group?

Support groups are vital for both caregivers and patients. They provide education on managing Alzheimer/Dementia care, reducing stress, and improving the well-being of everyone involved. Research shows that support groups help caregivers cope better and keep patients living at home longer. Contrary to belief, groups are uplifting and a great place to find both support and laughter.

### JOIN US!

3rd Monday Each Month  
5:30 PM  
El Dorado Senior Center  
210 East 2nd  
El Dorado, KS 67042

### QUESTIONS?

Roxann Cool  
roxann\_cool@hotmail.com  
or call the ESC  
316-321-0142



# CANDY CANE

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

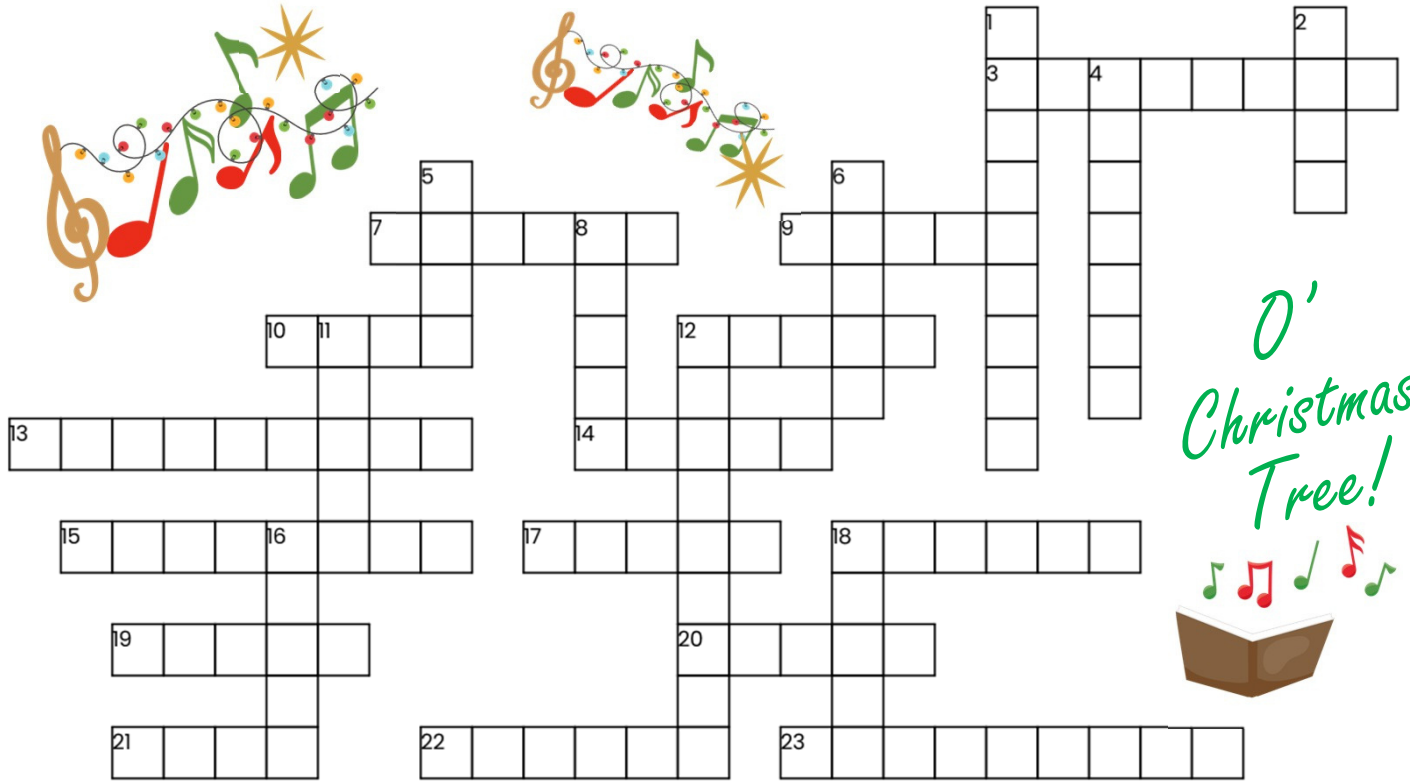
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.



# Traditional Christmas Carols Crossword



## ACROSS

3. O Come, O Come, \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Night
9. Coventry \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_ In a Manger
12. What \_\_\_\_\_ Is This
13. While \_\_\_\_\_ Watched Their Flocks
14. I Saw \_\_\_\_\_ Ships
15. O Come, All Ye \_\_\_\_\_
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ Noel
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Christmas
19. It Came Upon a Midnight \_\_\_\_\_
20. We Wish You a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas
21. \_\_\_\_\_ King Wenceslas
22. Hark! The Herald \_\_\_\_\_ Sing
23. O Little Town of \_\_\_\_\_

## DOWN

1. God Rest You Merry, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Go \_\_\_\_\_ It On the Mountain
4. Ding Dong \_\_\_\_\_ On High
5. Once In Royal David's \_\_\_\_\_
6. Deck the \_\_\_\_\_
8. O Holy \_\_\_\_\_
11. Joy To the \_\_\_\_\_
12. O \_\_\_\_\_ Tree
16. Angels We Have \_\_\_\_\_ On High
18. We \_\_\_\_\_ Kings of Orient Are

*Joy To  
The  
World*



## LEADERSHIP LENS: A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow—how is it already December? Time has flown since I joined the El Dorado Senior Center team on September 9th! I'll never forget my very first day, which just so happened to coincide with a potluck. What a way to start—surrounded by warm smiles, delicious food, and a community that instantly felt like home.



December is an extra special month for me. My husband and I are celebrating 10 years of marriage on 12/13/14. (Yes, we planned that perfect date—it makes it easier for him to remember!) Over the years, we've faced challenges, celebrated wins, and grown stronger as a team. Reflecting on that reminds me a lot of this Center. It takes teamwork, grit, and a little humor to accomplish great things—and we're doing just that here, together.

I'll admit, I'm terrible at asking for help. But if this job has taught me anything, it's that a little grace and compassion go a long way—and sometimes, we just have to laugh when things don't go exactly as planned. With the incredible team we have here—members, volunteers, and our board of directors—I truly believe we can make this Center not just the best in Butler County, not just in Kansas, but dare I say...the entire nation! Okay, okay, baby steps.

Jokes aside, I'm constantly amazed by the unique contributions of every member. Each of you brings something special that makes this place shine. And our volunteers? You keep the wheels turning smoothly, often behind the scenes. To our board of directors—thank you for trusting me, offering guidance, and supporting the vision for a thriving, welcoming Center.

I have big dreams for this place, and I know they're achievable. Whether it's my wish list of ideas or the goals we've already begun tackling, I have zero doubt that we'll continue to grow and succeed. One day, we'll have so many members walking through these doors that we'll be saying, "Sorry, we're at capacity!" Can you imagine that? WOW!

It truly takes a village, and I'm so grateful that my village is all of you. Thank you for your kindness, support, and shared passion for this Center. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a season filled with joy and love.

Here's to a December filled with laughter, gratitude, and maybe a few Christmas cookies!