



Andover Senior Center

The MONTHLY REVIEW

Andover Senior Center, 410 Lioba, Andover, KS 316.733.4441
Hours of Operation: Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm Friday 8:00am-3pm
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My Christmas Wish To YOU

2025

If I could wish a wish for you,
It would be for peace, faith,
and happiness
Not only at Christmas,
But for the whole year through!

I wish that there always be food on
your table.
That you always give to those less
fortunate.
May you always take time to share,
And thank those who have blessed
you.

I wish for time, so you may reflect
on the blessings that you have,
and that you express your love
to those who are dear to you.

May you never feel lonely,
Because there are those who care.

That you realize you are special,
You are unique, you make a differ-
ence,
Not only at Christmas, but all year!

I wish for your thoughts to be positive
ones,
That you never quit, that you never
give up,
And that you continue to learn.

I wish for the love, and peace of God
To be yours always.

-Catherine Pulsifer



MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE...

Due to a steady rise in general operating expenses, we have found it necessary to increase our membership dues from \$15 to \$20, effective January 1, 2026. As a self-funded organization, we rely heavily on donations and fundraisers to cover our costs. We remain committed to supporting all members, so sponsorship is available for those with low income who may need assistance with dues.

Our mission is to foster fellowship and recreational enjoyment for the seniors in our community.

DECEMBER 2025-MENU



SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00

Meals are subject to change

Served @ 11:30



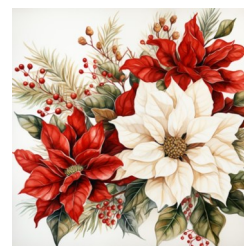
Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri	
1	Tatar Tot Casserole Pea Salad Roll w/Butter Dessert	2	Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Patty Scrambled Eggs Cinnamon roll	3	BLT Sandwich 3 Bean Salad Cottage Cheese Dessert	4	Broccoli Cheese Soup 1/2 Sandwich Salad Dessert	5	Cheeseburger w/All Fixings Baked Beans Potato Salad Dessert
8	Fried Fish Coleslaw Roll w/Butter Dessert	9	Tuscany Soup Fried Cabbage Roll w/Butter Dessert	10	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Green Beans Dessert	11	Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Salad Roll w/Butter	12	Sloppy Joes Macaroni Salad Chips Dessert
15	Soft Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Dessert	16	Baked Potato Bar Pulled Pork Coleslaw Dessert	17	Veg Beef Soup Grilled Cheese Salad Dessert	18	Thai Chicken Salad Thai Cucumbers Spring Roll Dessert	19	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Starts @ 11am Sponsored by : Belle Ville
22	Butter Nut Soup Grilled Cheese Salad Dessert	23	Bierock Casserole Glazed Carrots Cucumber Salad Dessert	24	Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dessert	25	CLOSED 	26	CLOSED
29	Spaghetti and Meatballs Garlic Bread Spinach Salad Dessert	30	Gumbo Rice Salad Roll w/Butter Dessert	31	White Chicken Chili Cornbread Salad Dessert				



DAILY ACTIVITIES

Coffee/Word search starts @ 8:30

Lunch served @ 11:30



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Speakers & Events...

Monday December 1st @ 11:00	Advanced Legal Planning
Tuesday December 2nd @ 11:30	Shining Love Home Care
Wednesday December 3rd @ 11:00	School Kids Singing Music
Thursday December 4th @ 11:30	Providence Home Health & Hospice
Friday December 5th @ 11:30	Market Wagon
Friday December 5th @ 12:30	The Regent Sponsoring Bingo
Monday December 8th @ 10:30	AED Training-Andover Fire Dept.
Monday December 8th @ 1:00	Basic First Aid-Andover Fire Dept.
Tuesday December 9th @ 1:00	Trip to Andover Historical Museum
Wednesday December 10 @ 11:30	Independent Resource Center
Thursday December 11th @ 1:00	Trip to Cottonwood Christmas Music
Friday December 12th @ 12:30	Mayor Price calling Bingo
Monday December 15th @ 11:30	Andover Family Counseling
Tuesday December 16th @ 10:30	No Mouth CPR –Andover Fire Dept.
Tuesday December 16th @ 1:00	AED Training-Andover Fire Dept.
Wednesday December 17th @ 11:30	Clutter Wagon Junk Removal
Wednesday December 17th @ 3:00	ASC Board Meeting
Thursday December 18th @ 10:00	Andover Middle School Choir
Thursday December 18th @ 10:30	ASC Annual Cookie Exchange
Monday December 22nd	Michelle's Foot Care 946-0722
Tuesday December 23rd @ 11:00	The Regent Hot Cider Bar
Wednesday 24th	Closing @ 12noon
Thursday December 25th	Closed for Christmas
Friday December 26th	Closed
Wednesday December 31st	Closing @ 12noon



DID YOU KNOW...

The Andover Senior Center is an IRS approved 501c3! We are financed by donations, memorials, fundraisers, grants and special events. We appreciate your membership and donations to our Center. **THANK YOU!**



Born in December

Kathleene Bono

Brian Braudaway

Marie Dahigren

Shirley Dunnahoo

Richard Farris

Mary Ann Fenske

Gary Fisher

Tami Fonger

Kathryn Franklin

Margit Gibbons

Rebecca Gillespie

Judy Gragert

Geneva Greenwell

Joan Hall

Patricia Hatcher

Joe Hicks

Valeta Hole

Jo Johnson

Regina Ketterman

Delwyn Kirkhart

Franke Knox

Brenda Kuhns

Larry May

Robert McElroy

Lois Neufeld

Alvin Ormiston

Charline Otis

Terry Oxford

Linda Oxford

Shirley Patton

Bryan Pearce

Chuck Powell

Julie Preston

Penny Roths

Guadalupe Rubalcaba

Dwight Shinkle

Mary Stein

Trudy Suber

Terry Trimble

Sharon Turner

Mike Voelzke

Margaret Waddle

Judy Webber

Beverly White

Rochelle Wilson

Douglas Windsor

Tips To Overcome Holiday Stress!

Anyone who watches tv would think that all of us have large close families to spend the holidays with. We're supposed to be happy, giving, busy with family, shopping for gifts...you know all that holiday stuff!

But reality is that some of us have no family to share the holiday with, no or limited money for gift giving, or have lost a loved one and really struggle to just get through the holiday season.

Below are some things you can do to help alleviate some of the holiday stress you may be feeling:

If you are dealing with death of a loved one

Place the person's picture in a prominent place during the holiday season.

Light a memorial candle

Set aside a time during the holiday celebrations for everyone to share past memories.

Have way to much to do

Be realistic on what you can do

Accept help when others offer

Ask for help when you need it

Make lists

Money is tight

Set a budget

Make baked goods or handmade gifts

Create a gift book with coupons for your time and energy

Remember, the real meaning of the holiday is not the gifts, the food, the company...it is a time to reflect on the past, to be thankful for what you have and to prepare for what lies ahead...take time to breathe, to relax and to be at peace with yourself.

Andover Senior Center Wish List!

The Andover Senior Center has a running list of items we use on a weekly basis.

Would you be willing to donate an item or two from the list below ?

General Area:

Bingo Prizes for Friday Bingo

12oz Styrofoam Cups

12oz Solo Cups

Stamps

Copy Paper

And for the pantry:

Tea/ Coffee

Sugar or Creamer Packets

We appreciate any and all donations made to the Center in order for us to make your membership enjoyable! ***Thank you!***

United Methodist Open Door Commodity Supplemental Food Program

The Andover Senior Center is a distribution center for the United Methodist Open Door Commodity Program based out of Wichita, KS. This program is designed to assist people who are on a limited income by providing food such as canned goods, cereal, dry milk, cheese, etc. to help supplement their food needs for the month.

If you are interested in receiving commodities, please stop by the Andover Senior Center office to pick up an application for qualification of the service. The application isn't long and Margit will fax to the Open Door office to keep your waiting time minimal. This is a great service and available for anyone who needs it!

NOVEMBER TRIVIA WINNERS

CATEGORY WINNERS

MaryAnn Fenske Gary Rogers Virginia Kluess

OVERALL WINNER

Mary Ann Fenske

DECEMBER CATEGORIES:

Famous Movie Quotes

It's Christmas

Christmas Songs

Next game held on Wednesday December 10th @ 10:00

Category Winners receive a free Center lunch

Overall Winner receives a \$10 Gift Card

Shopping for Seniors

This program is volunteer based through the **RSVP Program, 316.775.0500**. It is designed to assist seniors who cannot shop for themselves but are capable of giving their grocery order over the telephone to volunteers who then pass the list to volunteer shoppers. Highlights of this program include:

There is no cost to participants (except for cost of their groceries).

Volunteers carry the groceries into the home.

Butler County Transportation

The Butler County Transit Program through the Butler County Department of Aging is a general public transportation program that offers a variety of routes throughout the county to help meet your travel needs. All general public transportation vehicles are handicapped accessible. Butler County Transit does not furnish wheelchairs.

Currently the general public transportation rides in the Andover area are available by reservation Monday through Friday from 8:30-12:00 Noon.

To make a reservation or get information on fares, please contact the Transit Program at 316.775.0500.

Belle Ville

Holiday Dinner

Belle Ville will be providing a holiday dinner for us on Friday, December 19th starting @ 11am. If you plan on attending and are willing to provide a side dish or dessert, that would be appreciated. These dishes will help ensure there is enough food for everyone. Please join us for good food, holiday music, and fellowship with other center members! Hope to see you there!

Quilt Raffle

Christmas Theme

Queen Size

Tickets on sale

2 for \$5

5 for \$10

Drawing held Friday Dec 19th,

After Christmas Luncheon



Thank You

Our Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Equity Bank was a huge success. We had the pleasure of feeding over 160 seniors in our community. It was truly a Blessed day for all.

Thank you so much Equity and your wonderful staff, especially Michael, CJ, Blake and of course Elisabeth

To our volunteers, who helped us throughout the Thanksgiving dinner as well as cleaning up afterwards,

THANK YOU !!!

Without you events like this could not happen !!!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers and generous supporters who make our Senior Center a welcoming and vibrant place. Your time, energy, and contributions have a profound impact on the lives of our members, helping us to create a warm and caring community. Whether you volunteer your time or donate resources, your support means the world to us and enables us to offer valuable programs and services. Thank you for your kindness and commitment to enriching the lives of seniors.

Margit & The ASC Board

ASC Annual Cookie Exchange

Thursday December 18th at 10:30

This event is limited to 25 people-sign up sheet @ Center

Gifts will be given to each person attending after choosing cookies.

For more information please call MaryAnn @ 755-8026



DONUTS WITH THE CHIEF

Thursday December 4th @ 9:30

Get updated on what is going on in our city.

When someone says **“Happy Holidays”** instead of **“Merry Christmas”**, remember, they’re not doing it out of political correctness. They do it out of **respect**. From the 20th of November to January 24th, there are at least **14 different religious** holidays. So , when someone says Happy Holidays to you, **thank them**. Because they don’t know what you believe in.

It’s called respect, not a war on Christmas.

SPREAD LOVE & KINDNESS



Inclement Weather Procedure

The Senior Center will close for inclement weather, for the safety of our members and staff. Closures will be posted through the local news stations and posted on our Facebook Page. When The Andover school district schools are closed due to weather issues the Center will also be closed.

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away the tears
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their faces bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me; I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me, dear one, you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I sent you a special gift from my heavenly home above
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.
After all love is a gift, more precious than pure gold
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do
For I can't count the blessings of love He has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas, all of you whom I hold dear
Remember, I am spending Christmas with The Lord this year.

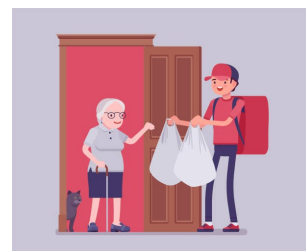
In loving memory of all the Andover Senior Center members who have gone home this year.

Gratitude is not just a feeling; it's a quiet awareness that life, even in its imperfection, is still a gift. There will always be things you wish were different — moments you wish hadn't happened, words you wish you could take back, people you wish had stayed. But gratitude reminds you that even the hardest chapters hold lessons that shape who you are. It teaches you to thank the past for its wisdom, the present for its presence, and the future for its promise. When you live with a grateful heart, you begin to see that every breath, every sunrise, and every small act of kindness is a reason to whisper, "Thank you."

fb/Gratitude

HOMEBOUND MEAL SERVICE

If you or someone you know is homebound and unable to cook for themselves...we offer lunch delivery Monday through Friday for seniors. Suggested donation of \$5 per day. If you are interested please call 316-733-4441 for further information.





Christmas Word Search



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I J B I C F N R I L U V Z K Y N Y L R Y D F R A
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David

Matthew

three

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stable

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Luke

angel

myrrh

nativity

Joseph

clothes

Messiah

Galilee

gold

star

Mary

swaddling

men

Nazareth

camels

Shepherds

Christmas

Emmanuel

wise

Bethlehem

sheep

manger

Jesus