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# Calendar of Events

## Regularly Scheduled MONDAY Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.


CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	E	
Ping Pong/Shuffleboard/Pool Hall	8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	W	
Cardio Exercise	8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.	E	
Brewing Friendship Coffee Talk w/AIC	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	E/W	EAST & WEST BLDG
Medicare Educ Series w/Chris	9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	W	
Yin Yoga	9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.	E	
Drum to Exercise with Kathy	9: 15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.	W	
Crafting	9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.	E	
Circle of Readers	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	W	1st & 3rd Monday
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m. - 11: 30 a.m.	W	
Line Dancing with Eugenia	10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	E	
Canasta	12 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	W	
Tai Chi for Better Balance - Vanessa	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	12:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.	W	
Tap Dancing - Beginning	12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	W	*NEW CLASS*
Member-Led Bingo	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	
Experienced Mahjongg	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	
Tap Dancing - Advanced	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	
Line Dancing with Barb	1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	E	
Photography Group	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	E	2nd & 4th Monday
Tap Dancing - Intermediate	2:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	

### CIRCLE OF READERS

- June 1: Discuss other books
- June 15: Moral Code by Lois and Ross Melbourne (Sci-Fi) & **Zoom author visit**
- July 6: Swift River by Essie Chambers (Historical F) & **Zoom author visit**
- July 20: Discuss other books

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 <small>Juneteenth Day</small>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## Regularly Scheduled **TUESDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	E	
Train Dominoes	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Shuffleboard/Pool Hall	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	W	
Muscle & Movement w/ Debi	8:15 a.m.- 9 a.m.	E	
Guitar Jam	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	E	
Scrabble	9 a.m.- 12 p.m.	W	
Power Yoga	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	E	
Scrapbooking	9: 30 a.m.– 12 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	W	
Whittling Wonders	10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	10:25 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	W	
Tai Chi for Balance with Julie	11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	E	
Canasta	12 p.m. - 3:45p.m.	W	
Chess	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Michelle	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	E	
Sewing Class	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	W	
Technology Class	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	E	1st Tuesday
Beginning Guitar Lessons	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	
Painting	1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	W	
Beginner Pickleball Play	12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.	W	
Pickleball Open Play	2 p.m.– 7 p.m.	W	
Clogging Class	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	E	
Beginning Clogging	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	E	
Meditation w/ Kendra	5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	E	
Zumba	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	E	

## Tuesday Special Events

Estate Essentials: Why Trusts Fail	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	E	June 16th
Board of Directors	3:30 p.m.	E	3rd Tuesday



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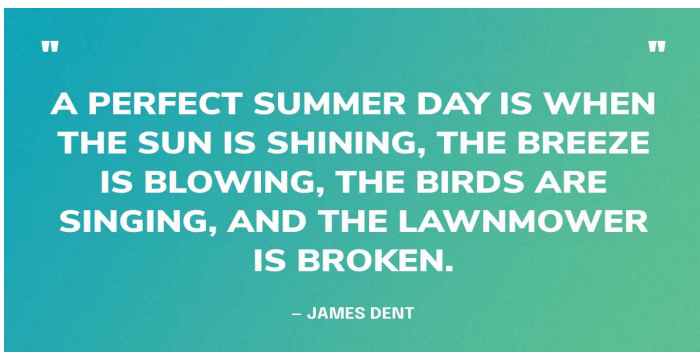
## Regularly Scheduled **WEDNESDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Shuffleboard/Pool Hall	8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	W	
Quilting	8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	W	
Cardio Exercise	8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.	E	
Core Strength Yoga	8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.	W	
S.E.A.T.	9 a.m.– 10 a.m.	E	
Needle Crafting	9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	W	
Fitness Machine Orientation w/Carlene	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	E	3rd Wednesday
Chair Yoga	9: 15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	W	
Beginning Ukulele	9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	E	
Spades Card Game	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	E	
Fast Abs with Linn	10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	E	
Abstract Painting 102	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Ukulele Jam	10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	E	
Strengthen & Tone w/ Linn	10:20 a.m. - 11 a.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	W	
Fund I of Line Dancing w/ Michelle	12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	E	
Hand and Foot Cards	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.	W	
Exercise 101	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	W	
Abstract Painting 101	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	
Bunco	12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	W	2nd Wednesday
The Sound of Broken Arrow - Choir	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	E	Cancelled June 10th
Bingo	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	1st Wednesday
Drawing Class	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	E	
Experienced Mahjongg	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	
Line Dancing with Barb	1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m.- 4 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	

## Wednesday Special Events

Blood Pressure Checks	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	W	
Library & Technology Assistance	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	W	3rd Wednesday



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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <small>Full moon</small>	<b>30</b>				

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## Regularly Scheduled **THURSDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Shuffleboard/Pool Hall	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	W	Pool Tournament 3rd Thursday - 9 a.m.
Strength & Tone	8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.	E	
Train Dominoes	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Soft Yoga	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	W	
Creative Card Making	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.	W	
Guitar Jam	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	E	
Play Money Poker	9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	Tournament 3rd Thursday - 9:30 a.m.
Grief Healing Group	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	E	3rd Thursday
Quilting Layout	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	W	
Limited Exercise	10:25 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	W	
Party Bridge	11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.	E	
Tai Chi for Better Balance	11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	E	
Drum to Exercise with Kathy	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	W	
Creative Card Making	12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	W	
Happy Hookers - Crochet	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	
Card Game of the Day	12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	W	1st & 3rd week - Member-led play 2nd & 4th week - Pegs & Jokers
Fund II of Line Dancing w/ Michelle	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	E	
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	W	
Classic Cardio & Sculpt Express	2:05 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.	E	
Cardio Drumming	2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	E	
Fast Abs	3:40 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	
Fit and Fun with Weights	4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.	E	
Guitar Jam	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	E	
S.E.A.T.	5:10 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.	E	
Zumba	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	E	

## Thursday Special Events

Optimist Club Meeting	12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	E	4th Thursday - Open to the public
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Medicare Education with Lynn Roach	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	1st and 2nd Thursday
Medicare Education with Lynn Roach	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	E	3rd, 4th, & 5th Thursday

**Medicare Education will be held Tuesday, June 23rd instead of Thursday, June 25th.**

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## Regularly Scheduled **FRIDAY** Activities

Lunch Daily 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CLASSES	TIME	BLDG	NOTES
Dominoes	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	W	
Ping Pong/Shuffleboard/Pool Hall	8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	W	
Cardio Drumming	8:15 a.m. - 9 a.m.	E	
Fitness Machine Orientation w/Danny	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	E	4th Friday
S.E.A.T.	9 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	E	
Friday Fitness	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	E	
Singing Group	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	W	
Alzheimers Support Group	10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	E	1st and 3rd Friday
Quilting	10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	W	
Creative Writing	10 a.m.- 12 p.m.	E	
Limited Exercise	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m .	W	
Line Dancing with Eugenia	10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	E	
Shuffleboard	10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	W	
Canasta	12 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	W	
Party Bridge	12 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	
Exercise 101	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	W	
Cornhole	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	E	
Bingo	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W	1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday
Singo	1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	W	3rd Friday
Parkinson's Support Group	1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	E	4th Friday
Pickleball Open Play	1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	W	
Zumba	3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.	E	


## Friday Special Events

<b>BUNCO BASH</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>June 19th</b>
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### CRAFT GROUP

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Craft group made 100 corsages and they were distributed at the Tulsa Day Center for Mother's Day. A big thank you to everyone who donated supplies and their time to make the corsages. They were greatly appreciated!



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- **A Daughter's Idea:** Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired to create the holiday after hearing a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, wishing to honor her father, a Civil War veteran who raised six children by himself.
- **Official Recognition:** President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first proclamation honoring fathers in 1966, but it was not made a permanent federal holiday until President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.
- **Official Flower:** The rose is the official flower for Father's Day; red roses are worn for living fathers, and white for deceased ones.



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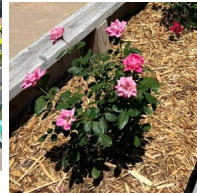


## Youth Group Work Day!

A big thank you to the Youth group at THE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH for coming and working in our flower beds on the West side.

We had 62 students volunteer to weed, rake, and plant flowers in the front and back of the west building.

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## The Importance of Support Groups for Seniors

As people age, they often face major life changes that can affect their emotional, physical, and social well-being. Retirement, health concerns, the loss of loved ones, and reduced mobility can sometimes lead to feelings of loneliness or isolation. In this stage of life, support groups play a valuable role in helping seniors maintain a sense of connection, purpose, and emotional strength.

Support groups provide a safe and welcoming environment where older adults can share experiences, discuss challenges, and receive encouragement from others who understand their situation. The shared experience creates a strong sense of belonging.

One of the greatest benefits of support groups for seniors is the reduction of loneliness. Many older adults live alone or far from family members, which can make social interaction limited. Regular meetings allow seniors to build friendships, engage in meaningful conversations, and feel less isolated. Social connection has been shown to improve mental health and even contribute to better physical health outcomes.

The senior center offers support groups for the following:

Alzheimer's Support which provides caregivers with the opportunity to seek advice, manage stress and take time for their own much-needed care.

Parkinson's Support provides support, education, and resources for Parkinson's caregivers.

Grief Healing Group provides support after the loss of a loved one, change in living circumstances, health changes, or even the loss of a pet. Symptoms may fade over time but when they don't, it may be helpful to seek help and gain a network of support to have by your side.

Look in the Calendar of Events to find days and times of meetings.

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## How to Create Family Harmony When Establishing Your Estate Plan

By Brittany Littleton



Every adult and, by extension, every family needs an estate plan. Not only is attending to this essential task a cornerstone of healthy financial planning, but it is also a safeguard that ensures both you and your loved ones are protected from unforeseen tragedy. Despite this necessity, less than half of U.S. adults have attended to organizing their estate and the overwhelming reason is the discomfort that often attends the subject. If approached thoughtfully, estate planning need not be a driver of anxiety and family tension; it can instead be a way to avoid family fights and create harmony.

I like to encourage the folks I work with to frame their estate plan as an investment in peace of mind. The tangible benefits of estate planning include avoiding tax liabilities and ensuring the seamless transfer of your assets. However, the greatest benefit may be the peace of mind a robust plan provides you and your loved ones. When sitting down with the family to talk about your estate planning aims, let money take secondary importance to the well-being of all involved.

Estate planning conversations often start in one of two ways: either adult children see their parents aging and wish to take a proactive stance on ensuring end-of-life decisions are in order or, conversely, aging parents face the fact of their own mortality and want to ensure children understand their decisions concerning the distribution of assets. In either scenario, tensions are wanting to erupt unless a desire for harmony takes a central role in framing the conversation.

As you initiate the conversation, prioritize transparency and openness. An open mind and transparent communication are your strongest assets in ensuring estate planning develops instead of hinders harmony within the family. Share your concerns with unfettered honesty and encourage your loved ones to do the same. Articulate your desires and expectations clearly and seek to meet worry or frustration with compassionate understanding.

Estate planning involves such delicate decisions as selecting executors and trustees, determining who will receive sentimental items, and, sometimes, placing restrictions on inheritances given beneficiaries' worrying financial or lifestyle habits. Talking through this is never easy but the burden is far lighter when paired with honest intent and careful listening.

Lean on your estate planning attorney and other advisors to help you avoid pitfalls that have plagued others and ensure you do not overlook crucial details. Your estate planning attorney can draw on their depth of experience to tell you what has (and importantly, has not) worked for clients in the past. Many of them are even willing to host family meetings and help facilitate the conversation, which can make it easier for your family to seek necessary guidance at your incapacity or death. You may want to seek counsel before sharing decisions with your family as your choices should be guided by sentimental liability, tax liability and legal liability. A good lawyer will not only see to it that your choices carry no untoward surprises, but they will also work with you to review your plan at periodic intervals and advise you of any legislative changes that may necessitate adjustments in strategy.



## Notes from the Director

By Annie Bast

"June always brings a quiet steadiness — that gentle shift from spring to summer when growth becomes easier to see, even though the work happening behind the scenes still matters just as much. It's a good moment for us to pause, reconnect with our mission, and make sure we're staying aligned with the people and community we serve.

With the GO Bond approved and the excitement of our expanded Senior Center ahead, this is a natural time to revisit our goals and take a few bold steps forward. June reminds us that real progress happens when energy and intention meet.

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- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely diced
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can Italian-style stewed tomatoes
- 1 (8 ounce) package sliced white mushrooms
- 1 (6.5 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (6 ounce) can sliced black olives
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and ground white pepper to taste
- 4 medium zucchini
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir beef and onion in the hot skillet until beef is browned and crumbly and onion is translucent; Drain grease.
- Crush stewed tomatoes into smaller pieces in a bowl, then pour into the skillet. Stir in mushrooms, tomato sauce, olives, garlic, salt, and pepper. Let simmer, uncovered, until liquid reduces, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Slice zucchini lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. Add zucchini to beef mixture; cover and cook until zucchini is firm yet tender to the bite, 5 to 7 minutes.
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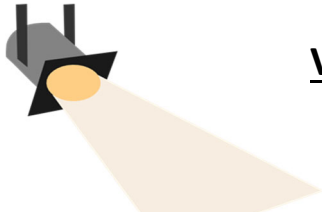
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This year's event drew over 650 visitors and 100 plus vendors. We heard a lot of positive comments and concluded that it was a success!

This month we are giving a "shout out" to our volunteers who worked at the Senior Fair! These volunteers are amazing, and we can't do events without their willingness to donate their time and talents. Here are a few pictures of some of the volunteers who worked at the Senior Fair this year. Please join us in giving them a big thank you!!



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## AI helped reduce one hospital bill by \$163K. Here's how to check your charges

By Kim Komando Mar 15, 2026 Updated Tulsa World

Last summer, a man's brother-in-law suffered a fatal heart attack. The hospital bill for four hours of emergency care equaled \$195,628.

The man's sister-in-law was ready to pay it. He asked her to wait. He requested an itemized bill with CPT codes (the universal billing codes hospitals use) and fed the whole thing into **Claude**, an AI chatbot.

Within minutes, Claude found duplicate charges, services billed as "inpatient" even though the patient was never admitted, supply costs inflated 500% to 2,300% above Medicare rates and charges for procedures that never happened.

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AI flips that equation. You don't need to understand CPT codes or have a medical billing degree. You just need to paste.

### **The 5-minute audit**

**Step 1:** Call your provider and request an itemized bill with CPT codes. Not the summary. The full line-by-line breakdown. You're legally entitled to this.

**Step 2:** Open ChatGPT, Claude, Grok or Gemini (free versions work) and paste this:

"I'm pasting my itemized medical bill below. Please: (1) Explain every charge in plain English, (2) Flag any duplicate or suspicious charges, (3) Compare each charge to average costs, (4) Identify billing code errors or bundling violations, and (5) Draft a dispute letter I can send to the billing department. Here's my bill:"

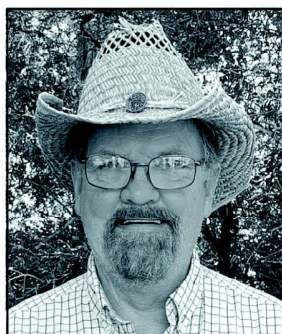
**Step 3:** Paste your bill. The AI will translate every line and tell you what looks wrong.

**Step 4:** If the AI finds errors, call the billing department and ask for a supervisor. Reference the specific codes. Hospitals resolve disputes all the time when patients show up prepared.

Pro tip: Counterforce Health (**counterforcehealth.org**) is a free AI tool built specifically for insurance denial appeals. Worth bookmarking.

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**Center Hours** - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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