HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY

During this busy holiday season we, invite you to take part in the many festive events at Brewster Place. Whether it is music, art, theatre, spiritual study, or shopping — we’ve got you covered! Below we’ve highlighted a few unique events. Check out the December calendar for a complete schedule.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR POP-UP SHOP
All during December at The Market on Main Street

Come to The Market on Main Street during December where you'll find Christmas décor, kitchen items and wonderful gifts — all handmade by our Bazaar crafters. All profits will go to local charities. We love playing store!

MERRY MARKET
Wednesday, December 4 | 10:00 am—1:00 pm | Redwood Lounge

Get a jump on your holiday shopping by attending the Merry Market. And for added excitement, there will be drawings for prizes each hour. Be sure to come and enter.

VENDORS INCLUDE:
- Poinsettias from KNI Plant Shop
- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Jewelry by Jan
- Avon
- Martha’s Munchies
- Little Bunny Lotions
- Color Street Nails
- Brewster Bazaar
- Paparazzi Jewelry
- Things by Pearl
- Purses by Peg

WINTER ART SHOW AND TELL
Friday, December 13 | 3:00 pm | Main Street

During Social we hope you will wander through Main Street to enjoy the talents of Brewster residents and staff. If you have paintings, photography, textiles, pottery or other arts/crafts to show-and-tell, we want to see what you've made. Call Creative Arts Coordinator Kris Saia at 274-3317 to submit items for the show.

RESIDENT HOLIDAY PARTY
Tuesday, December 17 | 1:00 pm | Klinge Activity Center

This year’s party will be an afternoon event featuring a variety show, holiday sing-along, delicious dessert and seasonal beverages.

MISSION
Brewster Place is a retirement community providing all of its residents opportunities for an optimal quality of life.
Serena Kent serves as Director of Wellness and Resident Services. Serena holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Emporia State University and a master’s degree in social work from Washburn University. Serena is a Licensed Master Social Worker in the State of Kansas. Serena began her association with Brewster Place by completing her generalist field work here when she was a social work student in 2013. In 2014 she was hired as the social worker at Brewster Rehab. Serena was drawn to Brewster Place because her grandmother had been a resident in Assisted Living. Serena was inspired by the compassionate care she and her family received from Brewster Place staff.

Through her work at Brewster Health Center, Serena became familiar with Medicare, Medicaid, discharge planning, working with residents and families, CMS guidelines and regulations, the person-centered care model, the admission process and supporting the rehab team to provide high quality care. In 2019 she was promoted to Director of Wellness and Resident Services where she supports and guides the Resident Services Team and the Community Wellness Case Managers. Serena is also responsible for coordinating services for BrewsterConnect. Lastly, she provides case management support for LiveWell members.

Serena is excited to continue to promote and utilize the Five to Thrive wellness initiative. She is passionate about the Five to Thrive concept as it mirrors one of the fundamental concepts of social work — that our well-being relies not just on what is going on in our body physically in terms of illness or disease, but also on the close inter-relation of our physical, emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual states.

Serena is a Topeka native and shares her home with her husband Thomas, their daughter, Adell and their Collie mix, Pepper. She enjoys spending time with her family, swimming, family walks, practicing yoga, reading a good book, attempting to garden and doing home renovation projects with her husband.
INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

MEADOWS MENTORS
MAKE & DECORATE ORNAMENTS
Friday, December 13
1:15 pm — Lobbies
We will travel to Meadows Elementary to join students in making festive holiday ornaments.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
ELMONT ELEMENTARY 4TH GRADERS
Monday, December 16
12:00 pm | The Evergreens Grill
12:30 pm | Redwood Lounge
About 42 students will provide some merry music while residents dine at both The Evergreens Grill and Greenleaf at Redwood. They will perform four songs as well as performing a short play while at Redwood. They have also made Christmas cards to hand out!

ENJOY LUNCH AT THE MARKET FOLLOWED BY WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
Wednesday, December 11 | 11:30 am | Main Street

You are invited to participate in a fun gift exchange that will begin at 12:00 pm. Please join us beforehand for lunch from The Market beginning at 11:30 am. Please bring a wrapped gift (nice or funny) that is worth about $10. We will place all the gifts on a table and each person will take turns choosing a gift.

MOVIE CLASSIC HOLIDAY INN
Wednesday, December 11 | 1:00 pm | Chapel

In this classic 1942 Irving Berlin musical, Jim (Bing Crosby) and Lila are members of a performing trio who plan to quit and run a country hotel. When Lila says she has fallen in love with the dancer in the act, Ted (Fred Astaire), Jim leaves town with a broken heart. After turning the inn into a holidays-only live entertainment venue, Jim winds up booking -- and falling for -- Linda (Marjorie Reynolds). But when Ted shows up at the place after being dumped by Lila, he too sets his sights on beautiful Linda.

CREATIVE ARTS
Make It Monday
Monday, December 23
1:00 pm
Redwood Lounge

Art Abandonment is the newest thing — making and leaving a little piece of art in a random place for a stranger to find!

In the spirit of the Christmas season, let's make some little gifts and leave them around campus for others to find. We'll have all the supplies -- join Kris to create something special to leave with as a random acts of kindness!
The Christmas season is upon us and many of us will be busy putting up Christmas trees, lights and all the other decorations, writing and sending Christmas cards, shopping, baking cookies and candies and making plans for the big feast. My hope is that you will be able to experience the true meaning of Christmas this season.

The events that took place over 2000 years ago in a faraway town called Bethlehem, are why we celebrate Christmas. On that one starry night is when LOVE WAS BORN. But, the story really begins in the small town of Nazareth when, “God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary” (Luke 1:26-27).

The angel told Mary she was going to miraculously bear a Son. In one way, this was unbelievable news to Mary because she was a virgin engaged to be married and becoming pregnant would shame her before her parents, her husband-to-be, and her entire village. Perhaps that explains why Mary hurried off to live with her cousin Elizabeth for the first few months of her pregnancy.

Now Joseph was a righteous man, so he had decided to divorce Mary privately rather than exposing her to public disgrace. Breaking an engagement in those days required a divorce. But the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and explained that the child Mary was carrying was the creation of the Holy Spirit. He told Joseph not to be afraid and to name the child, Jesus, for He would save His people from their sins.

Joseph decided to go through with the marriage, but before the wedding ceremony, he was sent out of town to register in his ancestral hometown of Bethlehem, many days’ journey to the south. Even though she was in the advanced stages of her pregnancy, Mary traveled with Joseph to Bethlehem and it is there where Mary, “…gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7).

There is sadness to the fact that the baby had to be wrapped in strips of cloth and laid in a manger. Most mothers busy themselves for months preparing a room for the baby. We hold baby showers to be sure that when the child is born they have lots of clothing, usually far more than they can wear. It was not much different in Mary’s day, for the birth of a son was reason for a great celebration.

But Mary and Joseph were alone, far from home, and their initial visitors were barnyard animals. But soon God sent some strangers to celebrate with them — a group of smelly shepherds who were keeping watch over their sheep just outside Bethlehem.

I hope you truly experience Christmas this year. LOVE WAS BORN FOR EVERY ONE OF US! Merry Christmas!
Even when he was an atheist, Lee Strobel enjoyed the Christmas season—the gift-giving, holiday parties, and being with friends and family. But after his wife became a Christian, Lee started to investigate the real meaning behind all those nativity scenes he had seen outside of churches. In this four-week study, Lee reveals what he discovered as he sought to separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition.

Intermission — Refreshments
Discussion afterwards.

FEATURED HOME DECEMBER

Open House
The Evergreens 335
Friday, December 20
2:00—3:30 pm
The Evergreens 335
Invite a friend or two!

Bible Study with Chaplain Roger

The Case for Christmas
by Lee Strobel
Mondays, December 2—23
3:00 pm
Main Street Chapel

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Movies on BPTV 1960

December 5
The Christmas Candle
(2013 drama)

December 12
The Knight Before Christmas
(2019 romance)

December 19
The Bells of St. Mary’s
(1945 classic)

December 26
Eat, Pray, Love
(2010 romance)
END OF YEAR GIVING

At the end of each year we enter a time sometimes referred to as The Giving Season — and that’s not just a reference to the holiday gifts given this time of year. The Giving Season is in reference to all of the organizations that are asking you to give. According to several studies, 30-32% of all annual giving occurs in December. More specifically, 12% of all giving happens in the last three days of the year, which accounts for .82% of the year. In short, many of us are last-minute givers. Giving habits most likely won’t change, but that doesn’t mean the excitement for both the donor and the recipient isn’t just as great.

If you have a contribution sent from your investment professional, be sure to plan as early as possible as most of them have cut off dates they use to let you know if they are able to complete your transaction before the end of the year. The best advice is, “do not wait until the last minute” but since we know that may not happen, the Brewster Foundation offices will be open and I look forward to working with you on that fun and last minute gift.

Every gift has an impact, and your gifts make a world of difference at Brewster for our staff, for our residents, and for our families.

The mission of the Brewster Foundation is to raise funds in support of Brewster.

We would love to visit with you about your philanthropic dreams.
Please call 274-3327 or stop by the Foundation office in Redwood.

ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH

The Brewster Health Center recently welcomes some new residents — colorful and active residents in the form of fish. A new 75 gallon aquarium was installed in the Meadowlark neighborhood which was the result of a generous donation. As the new aquarium was being installed, several residents sat and watched the entire process waiting for the fish to enter and explore their new home. This new addition provides a wonderful way for staff and residents to view fish in their habitat as well as provide a relaxing and stress-reducing activity.

The funds to purchase the aquarium came as the result of a gift to the Brewster Foundation. The Brewster Foundation will work to continue to provide funds for the care and maintenance of this and the other aquariums on campus. This does not happen on its own. Projects like this are only accomplished with the help, guidance and financial support of donors like you. Contact the Brewster Foundation to find out how you can be a part of one of the many exciting projects on campus. Every gift makes an impact.
THE EVERGREENS ELEVATORS

It is finally happening! The long awaited modernization of The Evergreens elevators will begin in early December. Technicians from Schindler Elevator will be working to upgrade the controls and inner workings of the two elevators in The Evergreens. Elevators will be taken out of service one at a time for a period of four weeks per elevator for this work. Matt will keep us informed as updates occur. The east elevator is scheduled to be down from December 16 to January 10. The west elevator will be down from January 13 to February 7. If you need assistance during this time, please call the Help Desk at 274-3399 or Security at 274-5000. If you are concerned about Santa’s ability to get to your apartment during this time, don’t worry! He can still use the chimney!

SARA PENDANTS

If your SARA alarm is activated, Brewster security will need to come reset your pendant to insure the pendant is reset properly and in working order. We urge you to wear your pendants at all times. Please do not hesitate to press your pendant for help.

KEY CHAINS FOR SALE

How it Works:
Purchase a key chain created by Brewster residents. Each key chain has a unique code (not your apartment number) that is registered with Jacy Lenard, Administrative Assistant at The Evergreens.
If you lose your keys on campus, the unique code will help security and/or Jacy identify the keys and return them. This helps to keep you safe in case a stranger finds your keys. If you would like to purchase a key chain, please see Jacy at The Evergreens or call her at 274-5050.
Price | $1.50 each or two for $2

NEWS & VIEWS WITH KEVIN MCFARLAND

Tuesday, December 10
10:15 am
Redwood Chandler Sun Porch

Kevin facilitates an hour of great conversation and thoughtful interchange. This open forum is a great place to spend time with friends, have a cup of coffee and discuss the world and local issues. As an added bonus Kevin is always ready to leave us with a wonderful joke.

FOUNDATION FORUM

“Government Sponsored Vacation”
with Matt Burns, Director of Environmental Services

Thursday, December 5
10:00 am
The Evergreens Community Room
Our very own Matt Burns will present a program about when he was called to serve in 2005-2006.

BAZAAR TOTAL

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 Brewster Bazaar made $11,203.04 which will be donated to charitable organizations in Topeka. Thank you to Kris Saia and all of the Brewster elves for all of their work. Thank you as well to YOU, our customers, who make this event a success each year.

PLEASE NOTE

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Happy Holidays and Peace to You this Season!

COMMUNITY

Freida Schriner, Mary Lou Mitchell and Shirley Moses all volunteered their time to help make the Brewster Bazaar a success. We thank everyone who played a part in this year’s Bazaar!

ENGAGEMENT

Glenn Wehking worked the cash drawer at the Bazaar along with many other things he does as a resident volunteer.

SPEND A DAY IN MANHATTAN

Thursday, December 5 | 8:30 am | Lobbies

The busy holiday season is here so how about taking a break with a fun trip to Manhattan — sometimes referred to as Manhappiness! Please join Activities Coordinator Jamie Fritz on a short journey west to visit the Little Apple. The day will begin with a guided tour of the Kansas State University Beach Museum of Art where we will view a special exhibit showcasing John Steuart Curry: The Cowboy Within. Using drawings, paintings, magazines and books from the Beach Museum of Art’s collection and from several lenders, this exhibit is the first exhibition to survey Curry’s vision of the American West. After the tour we will enjoy a yummy lunch.

Next on the itinerary is a tour of the Midwest Dream Car Collection Museum. The Midwest Dream Car Collection is just that — an eclectic dream collection of early roadsters, muscle cars and exotics from across the country. The vision of Ward and Brenda Morgan, the mission of this museum is to share not only the collection, but the stories surrounding each car’s history; where it’s been and the people who lived it. We can’t leave Manhappiness without stopping at Call Hall for and ice cream treat.

COWBOYS AND CARS

Transportation is $13
Tickets are $5
Lunch and ice cream is Dutch treat.
Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.
DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS
Norma Douglas 2
Bev Northrop 3
Adrian Allen 4
Cinnie Wahle 5
Rose Alberg 6
Joe Cox 7
Marjorie Murphy 7
Peter Packard 7
Waunita Shoemaker 9
Lois Durbin 10
Betty Craig 12
Jack Collins 13
Dottie Hanger 14
Lila Jones 15
Bart Ramsey 16
Harold Zibell 17
Beverly Robards 19
Wauneta Robertson 19
Roseanna Sterbenz 19
Patricia Gross 20
John Salisbury 20
Kathleen Douglas 22
Donna Scoggin 22
Gwen Holmes 23
Fran Olin 23
Virginia Thompson 23
Bette Bossler 24
Sydney Fluke 27
Delpha Tucker 28
Margene Cress 29
Gary Scoggin 29
Jackie Buchanan 30

ANNIVERSARIES
Donald and Delpha Tucker 12-7-46
Brice and Lois Durbin 12-17-89
George and Lenore Marschall 12-20-59
David and Roseanna Sterbenz 12-21-85
Roy and Gerry Browning 12-27-50
Dick and Donna Crawford 12-31-50

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES
Congratulations to these staff members!

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NEW RESIDENTS
Howard Shuler Redwood 512

IN MEMORIAM
Mr. Ronald Brunsvold 10-28-19
Mr. Anderson Chandler 10-29-19
Mrs. Mary Coldsnow 11-3-19
Mrs. Marilyn Mason-Stanton 11-9-19
Mrs. Dorothy Harder 11-15-19
On Campus — A few highlights!

**NATIVITIES AND HOLIDAY MUSIC**
Monday, December 2
1:00 pm | Redwood Lounge
Come and enjoy a sample of Carol Christenson’s nativities. She has been collecting for many years from around the world. During this time, our own Beverly Robards will be sharing her piano talents.

**HOLIDAY SING-ALONG**
Tuesday, December 3
1:00 pm | Redwood Lounge
Come and sing praises of the season with Dick Nichol.

**HUMANITIES KANSAS BOOK TALK**
Tuesday, December 3
2:00 pm | Brewster Bean at Evergreens
We will discuss Sag Harbor by Colson Whitehead. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 if you have any questions.

**MERRY MARKET**
Wednesday, December 4
10:00 am—12:00 pm | Redwood Lounge
More details can be found on front page.

**GARDEN PLOT INFO MEETING**
Wednesday, December 4
2:00 pm | Redwood Founders Room

**MARTY EDWARDS SING-ALONG**
Saturday, December 7
6:00 pm | Redwood Lounge
Marty Edwards will provide popular holiday music for us to relax and sing along to.

**SUZUKI STRINGS CONCERT**
Monday, December 9
5:30 pm | Redwood Lounge
Come enjoy this lovely group of strings students as they play seasonal music for us.

**COLLINS PARK CAROLERS**
Monday, December 9
6:15 pm | Redwood Lounge
The music continues with the beautiful voices of this lovely group.

**NEWS AND VIEWS**
Tuesday, December 10
10:15 am | Chandler Sun Porch
See more information on page 7.

**MEADOWS ELEMENTARY STRINGS**
Wednesday, December 11
10:30 am | Redwood Lounge
Our young friends from Meadows Elementary will be here to entertain us with holiday music.

**WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE AND LUNCH**
Wednesday, December 11
11:30 am | Main Street Pavilion
See more on page 3.

**MOBILE: HOLIDAY INN**
Wednesday, December 11
1:00 pm | Main Street Chapel
See more on page 3.

**CANDY MAKING CLASS**
Thursday, December 19
1:00 pm | Klinge Activity Center
Expert residents and staff will demonstrate their special holiday candy making traditions. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations as space will be limited.

**PIANO/VIOIN PERFORMANCE**
Thursday, December 19
6:30 pm | Redwood Lounge
Kevin and Heidi Cheng will perform.
CORNERSTONE HOLIDAY CONCERT
Monday, December 2
6:00 pm | Lobbies
Let’s go enjoy the beautiful sounds of the Cornerstone Home School singers. These students practice and prepare all year for this concert. They are directed by Dorothy Iliff, daughter of Mary Muilenburg.

DAY OUT IN MANHAPPINESS
Thursday, December 5
8:30 am | Lobbies
See information on page 8.

NATIVITIES AND NOELS
Friday, December 6
12:45 pm | Lobbies
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints host their 8th Annual Nativities and Noels. They will display 100s of nativities from nearly a 100 countries. This is a free program. Please call Jamie for reservations at 274-3398.

COUNTRYSIDE LAUDATE RINGERS
Friday, December 6
6:00 pm | Lobbies
We will head to Countryside United Methodist Church for a night of Art and Music. There will be a display by local artists and then a concert by the Laudate Ringers. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

WASHBURN HOLIDAY VESPERS
Sunday, December 8
3:00 pm | Lobbies
We will make our annual trip to Washburn University to hear the sounds of the season at this wonderful holiday concert. The concert is free. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for transportation reservations.

TOPEKA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Wednesday, December 11
6:30 pm | Lobbies
The holiday season is a time for nostalgia and revisiting the memories and music of our childhoods. We remember decorating our homes, gathering with friends and family, eating our favorite holiday foods, and snowball fights. The American Christmas concert will feature holiday songs you’ve loved your whole life. You may purchase tickets by calling 785-232-2032. Please call Jamie for transportation reservations at 274-3398.

SPENCER ART MUSEUM
Thursday, December 13
8:45 am | Lobbies
Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

CHRISTMAS AT RESURRECTION
Saturday, December 14
9:30 am | Lobbies
We will head to Kansas City and stop at Winstead’s for an old fashion hamburger and then proceed to Church of the Resurrection at Leawood campus. This program is a must-see musical presentation featuring more than 300 actors, singers, dancers and instrumentalists in a celebration of Christmas and the depiction of the traditional Christmas story. Lunch is Dutch treat. Transportation is $13. Tickets are complementary but limited. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

SHAWNEE CHORAL SOCIETY
Saturday, December 14
6:00 pm | Lobbies
It’s Beginning to Look A Lot Like CHRISTMAS is the title of this year’s concert. Admission is free but donations are gratefully appreciated.

TOPEKA FESTIVAL SINGERS
Monday, December 16
6:30 pm | Lobbies
No matter what our family traditions, we can all appreciate this time of year as a time to be with family and friends. Many of the familiar songs from this holiday season speak to this sentiment. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door for $18. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for transportation reservations.

TOPEKA CIVIC THEATRE
Thursday, December 19
6:00 pm | Lobbies
Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for reservations.

DINNER AT CRACKER BARREL AND WINTER WONDERLAND LIGHTS
Thursday, December 26
4:00 pm | Lobbies
Please join us for a yummy dinner at Cracker Barrel and then we will go to on a drive through Winter Wonderland for TARC. Dinner is Dutch treat. The cost is $1 per person. Please call Jamie at 274-3398 for transportation reservations.