

I can hardly believe another year has come and gone. El Dorado has certainly had a full year, starting with the Sport Boat and Travel Shows, hosting conferences, the Expo, music, art, history festivals, sporting events, and the activities at the El Dorado Lake and State Park. We have created many memories for those that travel, visit, and for those that live here. All of these would not be possible without the many hours spent by the volunteers that make El Dorado's events so successful and special. Thank you to all of those volunteers for their dedication to making this a community to be proud of.

I had the opportunity to obtain information about these events and attractions and what it means to our community to have them here. It is amazing to know that a community the size of El Dorado can make such an impact. In the physical year July 1st 2001 to June 31st 2002, \$2.7 million tourism dollars were spent in El Dorado.

The Civic Center has certainly been an asset to this community. This past year we have booked the Civic Center 207 times for meetings, weddings, receptions, reunions, activities, Christmas parties, banquets, events, and conferences. 2003 has 60 bookings already and nothing like planning, ahead - 2004 has one booking. You can tell by the calendar of events here that the Civic Center is a popular place. This is yet another project that the community can be proud of. Call us here at the Civic Center/Chamber of Commerce to book your event, 321-3150.

The Calendar of Events on these pages is FULL of activities to see and participate in.

If you have travel/tourism related news / upcoming events in El Dorado, please call Keli at 316-321-3150. We'd love to hear from you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday - December 2nd

Bluestem Art Gallery December Featured
Artist - Opal Baker, Newton artist.
Multi Media Paintings and
original note cards.

Tuesday - December 3rd

Parks Master Plan Public Hearing
Civic Center - 6:30 pm

El Dorado Lake Protection Program
Kurt Bookout 321-9100
Civic Center - 6:00 pm

Wednesday - December 4th

South Central Kansas Tourism Region
Meeting at the Big Well

Coalition
Chamber Conference Room
4:00 pm

Baseball Hall of Fame Meeting
Chamber Conference Room
6:00 pm

Thursday - December 5th

Middle School Make-Overs
7th and 8th grades
Civic Center - 7:00 pm
El Dorado Recreation Department
For More Information 322-7400

Vocal Feaste Concert - 5th - 7th
BCCC - Building 1500 Kansas Room
7:30 pm

Friday - December 6th

KANAB Pipeline
Civic Center - 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Christmas with Friends
Community Building -- 6:30 pm

Frankie Valens
Christmas & Oldies Show
El Dorado Dinner Theater
6:30pm dinner 7:30 show

Saturday - December 7th

Banks Savage Christmas Party
Civic Center

Frankie Valens
Christmas & Oldies Show
El Dorado Dinner Theater

6:30pm dinner 7:30 show

Small Potatoes
Iron Horse Concert Hall
7:30 pm

Sunday - December 8th

Dillons Christmas Party
Civic Center

Monday - December 9th

Butler County Emergency Management
8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Civic Center

Youth Coalition - Round Table
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Civic Center

Tuesday - December 10th

Butler County Emergency Management
Civic Center

Wednesday - December 11th

Turkey Hunt Guides Committee
And Wildlife and Parks
11:45 am - Civic Center

Thursday - December 12th

State Association of Kansas Watersheds
9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Civic Center

TIAK Visioning
Salina

Friday - December 13th

Dustrol Christmas Party
Civic Center

BCCC Women's Basketball vs
Independence - BCCC Gym

5:00 pm

BCCC Men's Basketball
7:00 pm

BCCC - Fall Nurses Pinning
El Dorado Middle School - 7:00 pm

Christmas Variety Show
El Dorado Dinner Theater
6:30pm dinner 7:30 show

Saturday - December 14th

Prairie Port Festival Bike Give Away
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Prairie Port Storage Building
By Dairy Queen

Christmas Traditions Event
Butler County Historical Society
Noon – 7:00 pm

City Christmas Party
Civic Center

Christmas Variety Show
El Dorado Dinner Theater
6:30pm dinner 7:30 show

Christmas Party & Open Mike
Iron Horse Concert Hall
6:30 – 10:30 pm

Monday – December 16th
2003 State Park permits go on sale

Christmas Memorial Service
Carlson Colonial / Kirby – Morris Funeral
Home
Civic Center - 6:00 pm

5 on 5 youth Basketball deadline
El Dorado Parks Recreation Department For
more information - 322-7400

Tuesday – December 17th
Brown Bag Lunch – Coutts Museum
Kim Matthews on the Flute
12 noon

Butler Choir / Wichita Symphony
Century II Wichita
6:30 pm

Thursday – December 19th
Jim Hargrove Law Office
Civic Center 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday – December 20th
Christmas Variety Show
El Dorado Dinner Theater
6:30pm dinner 7:30 show

Adult Winter Volleyball deadline
El Dorado Parks and Recreation Department
- 322-7400

Saturday – December 21st
Christmas Variety Show
El Dorado Dinner Theater
6:30pm dinner 7:30 show

Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament
El Dorado Parks and Recreation
Grades 3 – 8th

For more information 322-7400

Sunday – December 22nd
Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament
El Dorado Parks and Recreation
Grades 3 – 8th
For more information 322-7400

Wednesday – December 25th
Merry Christmas
Family Christmas Party
Civic Center

Monday – December 30th
5 on 5 Adult Basketball deadline
El Dorado Parks and Recreation
Department - 322-7400

BCCC Men's Basketball vs
Southeast Nebraska
Gym - 7:00 pm

Tuesday – December 31st
Drive SAFELY
Happy New Year's Eve

From KFDI - Dugg Collins
and the Brazo Valley Boys
El Dorado Dinner Theater
6:30 dinner 7:30 show

Held the last Sunday of each Month
In the Historic El Dorado Theater
Bike Run and Hot Rod Run
2 Runs in One
Breakfast served at 8:00 am

For USD 490 Schedule of events
log on at
www.eldoradoschools.org

FROM YOUR ATTRACTIONS

BUTLER COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BCHS Christmas Traditions Event
Come experience the sights, sounds & smells of our Christmas Traditions Event. This event be a community participation event that will show the various ways families have celebrated the holidays over the years. Guests will have an opportunity to see the exhibits, listen to music and visit with Santa and costumed interpreters. The date for this event is **December 14th**

from Noon to 7:00 pm. Please come and enjoy the celebration with us! For more information call 321-9333.

EL DORADO STATE PARK

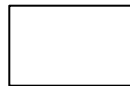
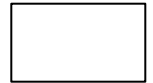
For those hunting enthusiasts, deer season is right around the corner. The State Park Office will have deer permits on sale until deer season. Every licensed resident is eligible to purchase one antler deer tag. Don't forget that Gift Certificates are now available for the Cabin Rentals. Remember to purchase your 2003 Lake permits early, and save. They will be available on December 16th. For more information call 316-321-7180.

EL DORADO DINNER THEATER

Relax after you holiday shopping and join Mark for dinner and a show. Calling Mark Johnson at 320-4444 can make your reservations.

Remember to book your Christmas Party.

www.eldoradodinnertheater.com



COUTTS MUSEUM OF ART

Watercolors will fill the walls of the Coutts Museum as "Spontaneous Realism ...watercolors by Wilbur Elsea" opened on November 12, 2002. Elsea's brushwork is similar to those used in oil paints or acrylics, but more fluid because of the medium. Recently he has been concentrating on the unique, magnificent beauty of the "Tuscany-Umbria" area of Italy in many of his paintings. Elsea tries to incorporate several very basic disciplines that include design, color, knowledge, and draftsmanship in his

paintings, which are known for their strong realism. He has won numerous ribbons and awards in National and Regional competitions. Last month two of his paintings were selected to hang in the Regional Juried Art Show "Art From the Heartland" at the Coutts Museum. His works will be on display at the museum through December 20. Brown Bag Program at Coutts Museum Tuesday, December 17th 2002 "Kim Matthews on the Flute". Bring your lunch and enjoy the sounds of Christmas.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHUCKWAGON SUPPER

The Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper ensuring the preservation, history and romance of the West is located 15 miles west of El Dorado, KS. They are known as one of Kansas' fastest growing tourist attractions. For more information about the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper in Benton, KS, look at www.prairierosechuckwagon.com