



Ninilchik Senior Center

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MARCH
2025

Coming Up:

- ~Daylight Saving Time Begins 3/9
- ~AARP Tax Preparation 3/10
- ~St. Patrick's Day 3/17
- ~Board Meeting 3/20
- ~Spring Begins 3/20



A Note From the President of the Board:



Is it spring yet? Hard to tell after not having much of a winter. Don't be fooled however. March could come in like a lamb but go out like a lion. Everyone should still be vigilant about driving and walking on the ice. There is still some of that around you know. Be careful driving, especially in the mornings after it freezes at night. The melting snow that has made the road wet can freeze and there you have it.

March brings the Iditarod. I hope you have bought a musher so you have a chance to win some of the pot, it helps the Senior Center and you never know you just might win a quarter of the pot. Here's how the pot is divided up, 1st place gets 25% of the pot, 2nd place, 15% and 3rd place 10%. There will also be a red lantern award. It's always a lot of fun.

Daylight Savings Time comes back in March. The second Sunday we will set out clock forward one hour. Go to bed early so you don't miss that extra hour. If you have a cell phone it will change the time automatically. Isn't technology great??

The kitchen project is progressing. Julie will be sending the RFP to several construction companies. The committee will be looking at the responses and is planning to select the best one. Once that is done, I think things will start to move a little bit faster. Keep your fingers crossed.

March usually brings with it the first of our returning snowbirds. As people start returning the dining room can start to get a little crowded and consequently a little noisy. Do your best to keep your conversations to your table and try not to let your discussions drift over to another table. They are usually trying to have their own conversation.

St. Patrick's Day comes along on March 17. Wear your green that day. I'm sure lunch will have something to do with corned beef and cabbage, wink! wink!. We just need to be extra nice to Casey to make sure she makes it!

Lastly, if you haven't heard yet, our Executive Director, Julie is having foot surgery on February 28 and will be out of the office for about a week. After that she will be using a knee scooter for several more weeks. Give her a chance to recover and when she does return, let's do our best to NOT overwhelm her with welcome back sentiments. I hope you know that I'm just kidding. When she does return we need to let her know how much she was missed.



God Bless you all.

~ **Dick Hawkins, President**



A Note from the Executive Director:

March is here! The month that spring begins, or at least that's what the calendar says! It's been a strange winter this year but nonetheless, spring is taking over - daylight is increasing. This month we gain more than two hours of daylight. Summer will soon follow and we'll once again be able to go outside without worrying about ice and snow.

March is a busy month here at the center. Time changes on March 9th, AARP will be here to do taxes for those 60 and over on March 10, traditional St. Patrick's day meal on March 17th, spring begins on March 20th, and last but not least, the last day to file your PFD's on March 31st. If you need more info or assistance with any of these events or activities, feel free to call the center or stop by the office.

This month I want to do a big shout out to our staff - they are the best!! Our kitchen crew, well what can I say; they are the best around, thank you Casey, Niki and Rick. It seems as if they like preparing meals as much as we like eating them! The meals they prepare are always delicious and nutritious. Our newest staff, Sharon, was hired in January as our driver. She hit the ground running and is doing a wonderful job. Delivering meals to those folks that are not able to join us physically is a big responsibility, especially in years with a lot of ice like this one, and she handles it with ease. It's nice to know that if you need it, safe transportation, provided by Sharon, with Niki as a back-up, is available through the center. Speaking of Niki, not only does she work in the kitchen and as a back-up driver, but she also provides our homemaker service! She's a busy gal - helping out wherever needed and always has a smile on her face! And then there's Tandy.....she's not only a great bookkeeper but always there to lend a hand when needed with whatever is needed. She's also my backup when I'm out of the office. It's a great feeling knowing she's there and has a handle on things. I can't say enough about what a great group of people we have working here! When you see them going about their workday, give them a smile, a wave, and a "thank you"; they deserve it!



~Julie Otto



DUGOUT NEWS

March Dugout News

As I'm writing my article for March my beloved Cubs are 4-0 in Spring Training which is the best record in all of baseball right now. So, I'm feeling a little nostalgic, reminiscing about the 2016 Cubs! So, this month I thought I would drop a little nostalgia on you.

DO YOU REMEMBER:

Heaven to Mergatroyd	jalopy	Hunky Dory
Don't touch that dial	Carbon Copy	Hung out to dry
You sound like a broken record		Holy Moley
Straighten up and fly right		Nincompoop
Heavens to Betsy	Gee Whilikers	Knucklehead
Not for all the tea in China		Knickers
In like Flynn	poodle skirts	fedoras
Saddle shoes	pedal pushers	Life is swell
Pageboys	Beehives	Kilroy was here
Oh, my aching back	This is a fine kettle of fish	
Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle		Down the road toad
Sell you later, alligator	in a while crocodile	
Okdoki	The milkman did it	fiddlesticks
Carter has pills	Monkey business	

Till next month,

KEEP SWINGING FOR THE FENCES!!

Cheryl



AARP Tax Preparation

March 10

At the Ninilchik Senior Center

A few appointments are still available.

**If you would like to schedule an appointment please
call the office at (907) 567-3988**

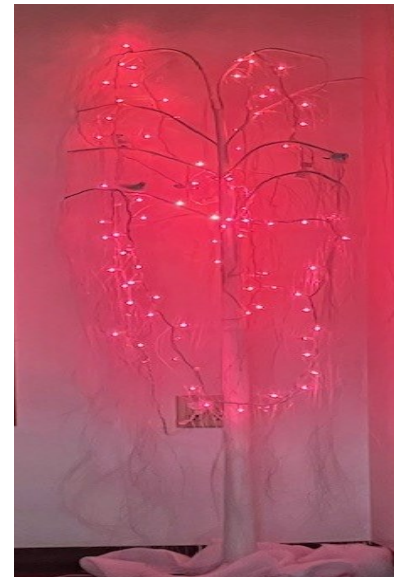
**This is a free service for people over 60
Some limitations apply**



Valentine's Day was a lot of fun!



Thank you to The Snowy Owl 4-H group for joining us for lunch!



March

The Month of March symbolizes new beginnings, rebirth and rejuvenation. It's a time of year when nature reawakens and animals emerge from hibernation.



The Daffodil is the birth flower for March, it represents new beginnings, forgiveness, trust and love.



The symbolic tree for March is the Ash tree which is known for its resilience and strong wood.



The Shamrock symbolizes insight and St. Patrick's Day.



The term "Madder than a March hare" refers to Rabbits and their energetic behavior during this time of year.

Ninilchik Senior Center (NSC) Progressive Split the Pot Raffle

Cost: \$1 per ticket. Members may purchase as many tickets as desired each week. Tickets purchased are valid only for that week's drawing. Tickets must be purchased each week until 11am Friday if the member wishes to participate in that week's drawing.

Drawing Time: Every Friday at 12:00 pm

Location: Ninilchik Senior Center 66265 Aspen Ave Ninilchik, AK

Progressive Split the Pot Raffle Rules:

One winner every week.

Winner does not need to be present to win.

Open to NSC members only. Membership must be current.

The Current Raffle will last up to 16 weeks or until someone draws the Eagle. Future raffle duration may change without notice but will be announced at the beginning of each new raffle.

16 cards

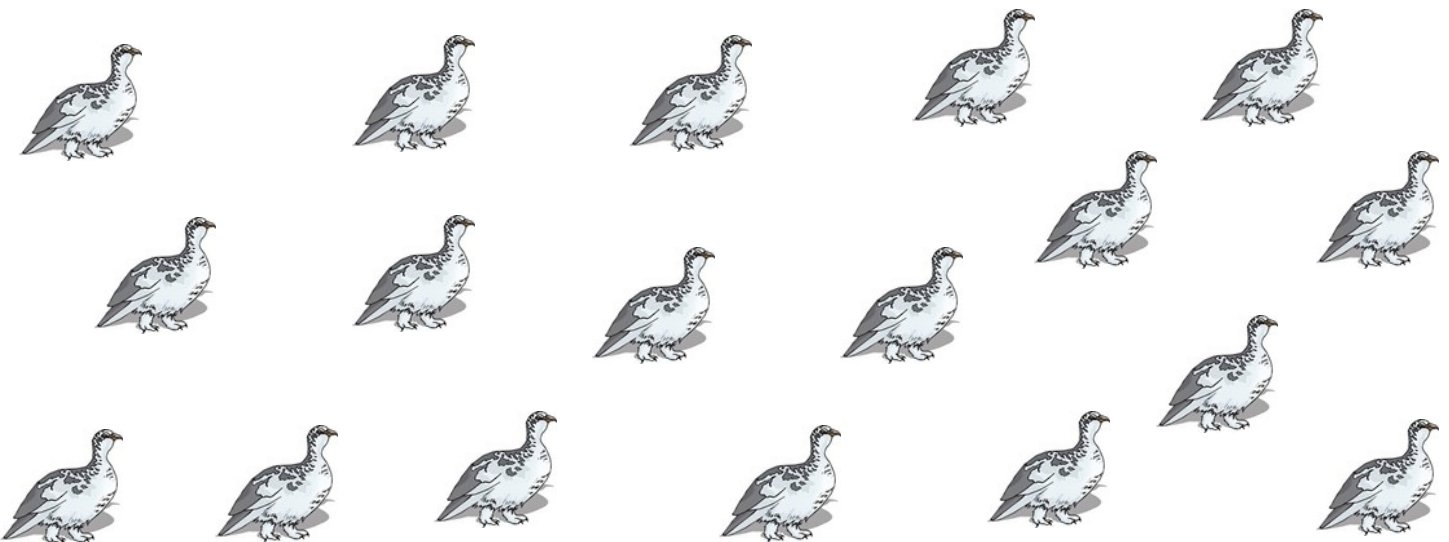
(1) Eagle: grand prize winner: 50% of the pot

(1) Owl: 10% of the pot

(14) Ptarmigan: \$5



Congratulations to all the prior weeks winners





St. Patrick's Day



Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 34 letters spell a secret message.

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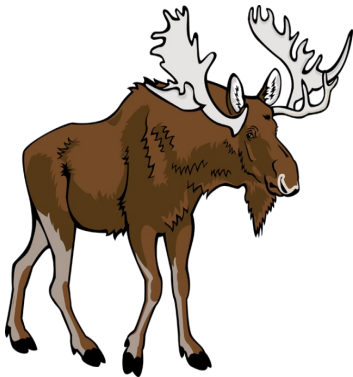




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1. What mountain was used by the first ski club in Alaska?
2. Who was “Diamond Lil”?
3. The North American Sled Dog Race takes place during what annual event in Anchorage?
4. True/False The oldest usable eagle’s nest dates back to 1907.
5. What happened to the Glacier Queen and the Nickerei Maru in 1967 in south-east Alaska?
6. Name the oldest educational institution in the state.
7. What is glacial ice geologically classified as?
8. What does “Cossack”, derived from the Russian “Kazak” mean?
9. What is ‘spring break-up’?
10. What is the main source of the economy in Sitka?
11. What is the body’s reaction when it is exposed to cold and cannot maintain normal temperatures?
12. What are “Old Man, Five Mile, Cold Foot, Chandalar and Toolik”?



camps

one was injured
 6. Sheldon Jackson
 7. Rock
 8. Adventurer
 9. Breakup of ice moving
 down rivers
 10. Fishing
 11. Hypothermia
 12. Pipeline construction

1. Anvil Mountain near Nome
 2. A Klondike dance hall girl
 7. Rock
 8. Adventurer
 her front tooth
 3. Fur Rendezvous
 4. True
 5. A collision in the fog
 caused a 75 foot hole, no

Free Printable Crossword Puzzle #2

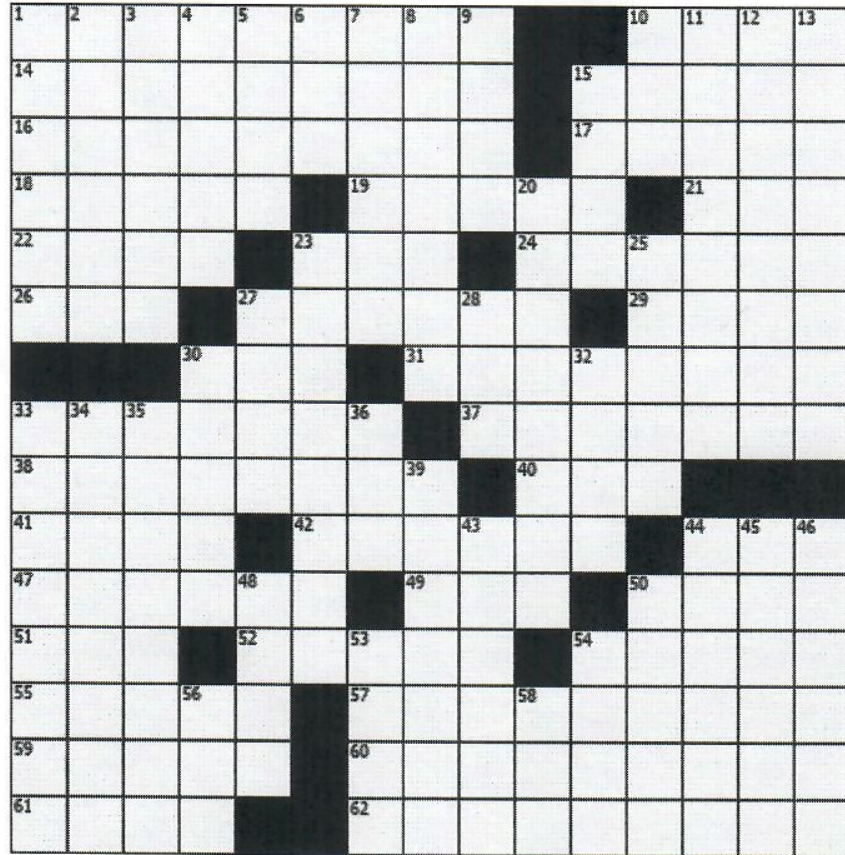
This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #2 for Feb 21, 2025

Find the solution at

<https://onlinecrosswords.net/6260>

Across

- 1. Meddler
- 10. Lady's man
- 14. Any sense, say
- 15. Soup for junior
- 16. Went too far with a role
- 17. Kick out
- 18. Attack
- 19. Camera technique
- 21. ETS test
- 22. OT causers
- 23. Co. based in Vienna
- 24. Fare at some film festivals
- 26. Camera type
- 27. Some recycled railroad cars
- 29. ___ the finish
- 30. Golden, in Grenoble
- 31. Offer formally
- 33. Like some music
- 37. Got comfy
- 38. Ornamental shells
- 40. Sen. Shelby's state
- 41. It means "straight"
- 42. Within practical limits
- 44. Monitor part
- 47. Base
- 49. Man in chains
- 50. Operates
- 51. Year in the reign of Claudius
- 52. Literary signature
- 54. "A Man in Full" novelist
- 55. Drop a hint
- 57. Smoothed
- 59. Winner of seven Tonys
- 60. Carmichael tune
- 61. Spring observance
- 62. Type of swim meet



Down

- 1. Promotes
- 13. Couldn't take
- 36. Classical starter
- 2. Introduce
- 15. Laborer
- 39. Caterer's need
- 3. Be unsteady
- 20. Gave 12 to North and 14 to West
- 43. Something easy
- 4. Shul scrolls
- 23. Mumbai server
- 44. Virginia, once
- 5. Perseverance motto starter
- 25. Papal bulls, e.g.
- 45. Get ready to go on
- 6. Sports div. since 1969
- 27. Ninny
- 46. Housefly cousin
- 7. Squelches
- 28. MTV toon
- 48. Glinda, in "The Wiz"
- 8. Beamed with pride
- 30. Anything triangular
- 50. Never-seen title character
- 9. ___ : Tokyo :: New Amsterdam : New York
- 32. "Survivor" locale
- 53. Ill-gotten gains
- 10. Casual sign-off
- 33. The 38th, for one
- 54. ABC and UPN, to "Variety"
- 11. First
- 34. Inspirational 1950s song
- 56. Giants' #4
- 12. Have fun
- 35. Quit
- 58. "Steve Allen Show" regular



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n° 129670 - Level Easy



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n° 118677 - Level Easy



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n° 219565 - Level Medium

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n° 2110 - Level Medium



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n° 320524 - Level Hard



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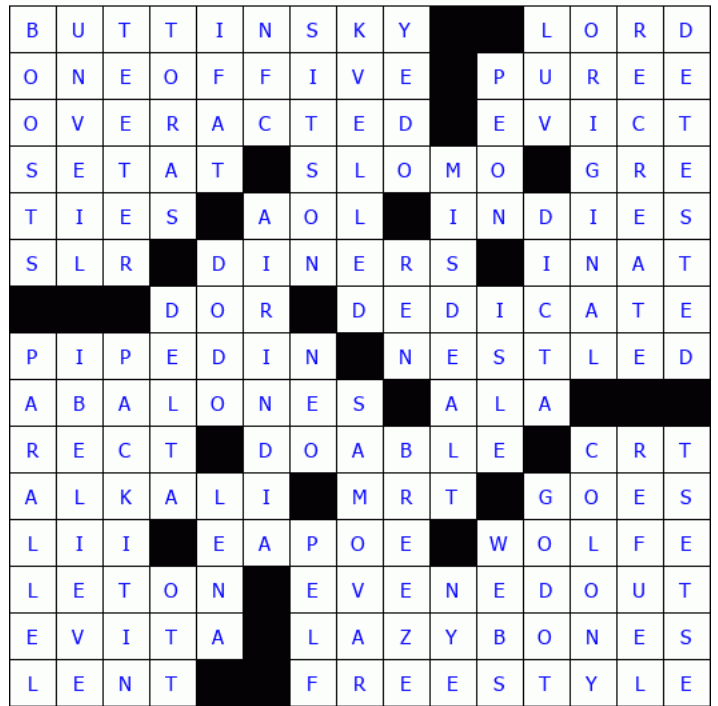
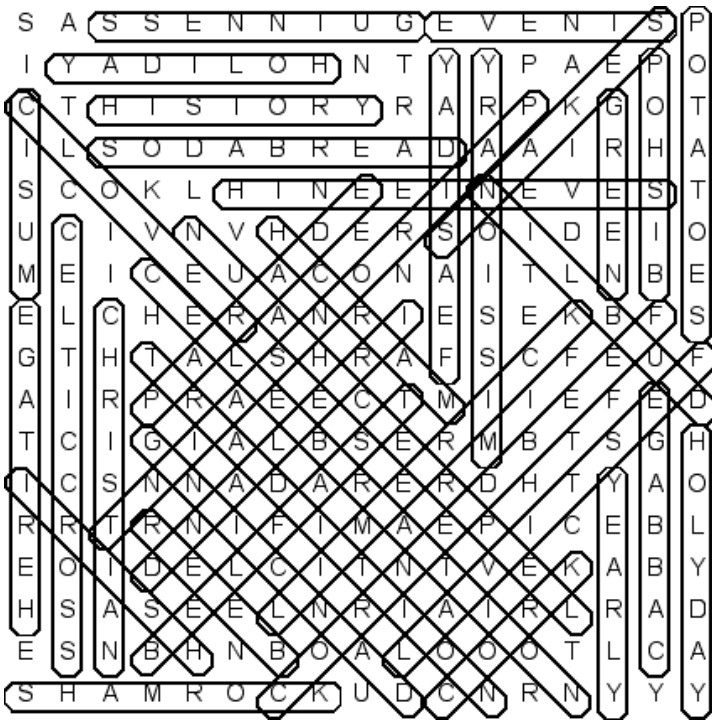
Leave a Legacy and make a donation (monthly or not) of any amount to the NSC Endowment Fund or NSC Operations and once your donations reach \$500, your name will be added to our donor tree. Endowment Fund Donations provide long-term investment income for the Senior Center.



Donor Tree Wall Levels of Giving:

- Tree Leaf: \$500. to \$999.
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- Crane: \$5,000. to \$9,999.

Thank you to all who donate to the Ninilchik Senior Center!



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1sudoku.com n° 129670 - Level Easy

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1sudoku.com n° 118677 - Level Easy

Puzzle Answers

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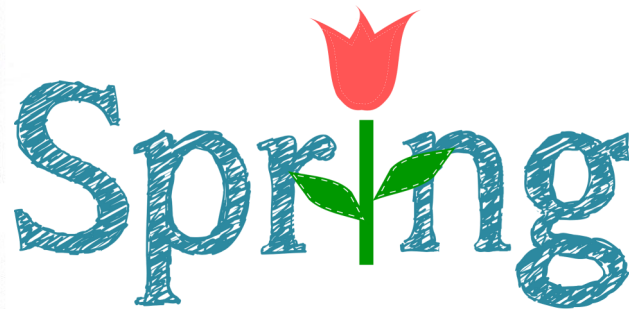
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John Lindeman 3/3

Bob Greer 3/7

Lynn Harding 3/9

Kathy Bowen 3/9

Becky Hamilton 3/10

Leon Marcinkowski
3/13

Beverly Graf-Cross
3/14

Sharon Cook 3/15

Dayton Sibley 3/15

Connie Porter 3/18

Jack Christensen 3/19

Fred Marshall 3/21

Ron Petty 3/22

Linda Pearson 3/23

Deborah Ives 3/27

Teresa Wilkie 3/30

happy
birthday!



\$5 A Month Club

Thank you to the following who contributed to the club:

David & Judy Clemenson

Bruce Randall

Delmer McCune

Debbie MacLean

Nora & Howard Appel

Cathy Perry

Char & Byron Moore

John & Janice Nofziger

Ron Jorgensen

Jim Beall

Russ Cross & Bev Graf-Cross

Josie Savoy

We have a fund to provide items that are not in the budget.

If you would like to join the club, just bring or send a donation of \$5 any time you can.

Thank You

Char Moore for decorating the center

Steve Vanek for selling the split the pot raffle tickets

Don't forget to log all of your time in the volunteer book

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers

Thank you to all the donors

About The Ninilchik Senior Center

Our Mission

We are dedicated to making life easier, more interesting, and providing assistance to others in need among our members, as well as the surrounding community, in ways which lift the spirit and give a feeling of love to each other. We are dedicated to assisting one another through cooperation, respect, and strength of spirit, so that everyone feels welcome and their contributions valued.

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Trustee: John McCombs

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Staff

Executive Director: Julie Otto
Adm. Assist/Bookkeeper:
Tandy Wallace
Kitchen Assistant: Niki Keenan
Cook: Casey Campbell
Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson
Trans. Driver: Mark Brees

Join us for lunch!

Lunch is served at 12:00 pm Mon-Fri.
Suggested donation:
\$8 or members, \$12 for non-members
Lunch includes: soup,
salad, entrée and dessert

Events and Activities

Weekly

Mondays:
Quilting/Sewing 1-4 pm

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:
Bingo (after lunch 1:15 pm)

Thursdays: Game Day 1-4 pm

Fridays:
Knitting 1:30 -4:00
Billiards 1-4 pm





So far this year (2023), the center received **\$238.31** from Fred Meyer through their community rewards program. Thank you to those who participate and make this possible.

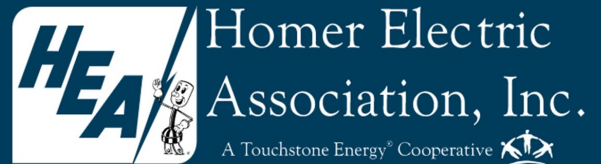
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Thank you!!!



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March 2025 Menu

Meals will still be available as take-out (\$7 suggested donation, add \$2 for salad). Lunch Starts at Noon.
 Please note: menu is subject to change based on product availability. 907-567-3988. Please call in advance for take-out meals.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Birthdays John Lindeman 3/3 Bob Greer 3/7	3 Beef Stroganoff Noodles Broccoli	4 Monterey Chicken Rice Carrots	5 Bingo @ 1:15 Salmon Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw Ancient Grains	6 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Gravy Stuffing Green Beans Cranberry Sauce	7 Lasagna Garlic Bread Mixed Veggies	Information 1/8 <i>Soup served daily with pick up meals</i>
Lynn Harding 3/9	10 Sweet & Sour Meatballs Rice Eggrolls Veggies	11 Florentine Spaghetti Bread Carrots	12 Bingo @ 1:15 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Broccoli Rolls	13 Tacos Refried Beans Rice	14 Tuscan Chicken Pasta Bread Cauliflower	15 <i>Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests To-Go Soup \$1.00 per cup</i>
16 Kathy Bowen 3/9 Becky Hamilton 3/10 Leon Marcinkowski 3/13 Beverly Graf-Cross 3/14 Sharon Cook 3/15 Dayton Sibley 3/15	17 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Potatoes Carrots Bread	18 Pork Medallions Yams Stuffing Green Beans	19 Bingo @ 1:15 French Toast Bake Sausage, Eggs Hashbrowns Fruit	20 Board Meeting Cashew Chicken Salad Croissant Rolls Broccoli Potato Salad	21 Roast Beef Carrots Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread	22
23 Linda Pearson 3/23 Deborah Ives 3/27	24 Asian Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice	25 Pulled Pork Buns Kidney Beans Coleslaw	26 Bingo @ 1:15 Garlic Tomato Chicken Bake Peas & Carrots Stuffing	27 French Dip Broccoli Potatoes	28 Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Rolls	29 <i>Lunch starts right at noon</i>
30 Teresa Wilkie 3/30	31 Little Cheddar Meatloaf Carrots Mashed Potatoes Gravy Bread					

"Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness."