

### **Ninilchik Senior Center**

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### **Coming Up:**

10/13- Center closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day

10/31- Halloween

2025

### A Note From the President of the Board:

Well, here it is October already. I think that most of our snowbirds have left and I wish them a wonderful winter.

Speaking of winter, it's right around the corner up here in the north country. The temps are starting to drop down at night and that means some frost in the morning. It is time to get those studded tires put on your car and be prepared for winter. Make sure you have some emergency gear in your vehicle that will help you in an emergency. Flares, a small shovel, a blanket, some boots are just a few of the items you may want to consider having in you car.

October is dividend time. If you are eligible and filed for your dividend then you should be receiving it this month. If the influx of extra cash in your pocket is more than you can handle then please consider a donation to the senior center. Remember your donation is tax deductible.

We are on track to start the kitchen remodel in December. Stay tuned for more details about that project.

October also brings out the ghosts and goblins. On the 31st, which is a Friday this year, come to the senior center in your best costume.

The gazebo is now closed for the season. The Christmas opening was very successful. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this happen. The silent auction table is still happening. There are some great items on that table. If you bid and win make sure you stop by the office and pay for your winnings.

All for this month. Enjoy the next couple of weeks as the leaves fall off the trees.

~ Dick Hawkins, President

### A note from the Executive Director



October is here! September seemed like we entered the monsoon season! Very few days this past month to enjoy warm weather. Hopefully October will be different, although we all know that gone are the days of warm sunshine, for this year anyway, as we enter the days of dwindling daylight and the winter months. So that means, get out and enjoy any sunshine that comes our way!

October marks the end of many things...gardens, greenhouses, leaves on the trees, as well as the end of the gazebo season. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and those who donated as you all helped make the gazebo a success again this summer! Thank you also to all of you who donated. Even though the gazebo is closed, please don't stop dropping off donations! We are happy to take your donations all year long. Donations can be dropped off at the center during business hours and please remember, we do not take furniture, appliances, or used computer/printer equipment.

You may have noticed that we have a few more staff around of late. Edward Bledsoe started in September. He will be helping Sharon out with the driving responsibilities. We are helping more and more seniors with their transportation needs and are now consistently going to the Soldotna/Kenai area twice per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) for medical appointments and shopping, in addition to taking people around town for their local errands. If you're wanting to come to the center for lunch or activities, or needing to get to town for appointments, and don't have transportation, please let the office know (preferably at least a day ahead of time) and we'll try our best to help out and get you here.

In addition to Edward, we are happy to have Tracy Rector working with us in the office. She is here thanks to the MASST program offered through the state. She will be helping in the office for a few hours each day. Soon you will also be seeing yet another new face. Yolanda Ware has been hired to help out with prep work in the kitchen as well as work with our homemaker clients. So happy to have these wonderful folks working with us!

Speaking of the homemaker program, you may be wondering, what is the homemaker program? If you are 60 or older and meet the qualifications for this grant program, you too could get homemaker services. Homemaker grant services are partially funded through the Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services (NTS) grant which is a combination of both state and federal monies. Services offered to those who qualify include light house cleaning (sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, dishes, laundry etc.) as well as helping with short errands as time allows. The overall goal of this grant program is to help seniors stay in their own homes in the community of their choice. If you feel you may need a little extra help in this area, please contact the office.



Wow October is here already and you know what that means!? Baseball playoffs and World Series Time! I'm pumped because my Cubs are in the playoffs! Go Cubs!!

I'm writing a different article this month. I came across a very interesting article regarding

<u>History of Social Security and Medicare</u>. I know we all paid into it and get it but do we really know the background? I didn't so I thought I would enlighten you.

Aug. 14 1935 President Franklin D Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act into law.

**Jan. 1937** First Social Security benefits are paid out in the form of one-time lump sum.

**Aug 10, 1939** Program broadens to include benefits for worker's dependents and survivors.

**Jan. 31, 1940** Ida M. Fuller became the first person to receive a monthly benefit. Her check was for \$22.54, inflation adjustment for today equivalent of \$518.58.

July 1, 1966 Medicare Services actually began for more than 19 million Americans age 65+.

**1972** President Nixon extended Medicare eligibility to those under 65 that had long-term disabilities or chronic renal disease.

**Oct. 1972** Congress established Supplemental Security Income providing payments to 65+ that may be blind, or have a disability, and have very low incomes.

**July 1975** First annual automatic COLA kicked in boosting benefits that year by 8%.

**April 20**, **1983** President Reagan signed into law major changes to S.S. aimed at shoring up the program's financial footing.

May 17, 1994 SSA official website is launched.

1999 Private insurance plans (now called Medicare Advantage plans) started users HMO options.

**Dec 8, 2003** President George W. Bush signed the Medicare Modernization Act, which added a prescription drug benefit.

Jan 1, 2006 Medicare Part D gave beneficiaries prescription drug coverage.

**2009** Americans who are of age to receive S.S. retirement benefits are given the option to file for those benefits online.

**2010** Affordable Care Act was signed by President Obama. This made some preventive care services free under Medicare.

**2018** All enrollees started to receive new Medicare cards with an 11 digit combination of numbers and letters rather that a S.S. number to prevent fraud and ID theft.

**2019** Medicare Advantage plans can offer enrollees with chronic conditions additional health-related benefits.

**Aug. 16, 2022** President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, which made several enhancements to Medicare prescription drug coverage.

May 6, 2024 S.S. trustees projected that unless changes were made to the program incoming taxes will cover only 83% of scheduled benefits beyond 2035.

**2025** The number of people on part D plans including Medicare Advantage plans pay out of pocket for their prescriptions is capped at \$2,000 in 2025.

**2026** Medicare drug price negotiation starts to take effect and negotiated prices become available for 10 Part D drugs. This program will expand to Part B drugs in coming years.

Here's to a nice weather October and remember....

### **Always Swing For The Fence!**

### Cheryl





# WINTER STORM

Winter storms create a

higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.



Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds.





Can last a few hours or several days



Can knock out heat, power, and communication services

## IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Stay off roads.





Use generators outside only.

Stay indoors and dress warmly.





Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.

Prepare for power outages.





Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.



Check on neighbors.

### **HOW TO STAY SAFE**

### WHEN A WINTER STORM THREATENS



Know your area's risk for winter storms. Extreme winter weather can leave communities without utilities or other services for long periods of time.

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not forget the needs of pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep the gas tank full.

Learn to identify the signs of and basic treatments for frostbite and hypothermia. For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/index.html.



Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, stay inside.

**Limit your time outside.** If you need to go outside, wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
Only use generators and grills
outdoors and away from windows.
Never heat your home with a gas
stovetop or oven.

Reduce the risk of a heart attack. Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.

Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia and begin treatment right away.

**Check on neighbors.** Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold.



**Frostbite** causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers, and toes.

- Signs: Numbness, white or grayishyellow skin, and firm or waxy skin
- Actions: Go to a warm room.
   Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad.

**Hypothermia** is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

- Signs: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, and drowsiness.
- Actions: Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.



### Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to Ready.gov/winterweather. Download the FEMA app to get more information about preparing for a winter storm.



## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

### **LOOKING FOR VENDORS**

## FOR THE NINILCHIK SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 8 FROM 10AM TO 5 PM & NOVEMBER 9 FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM 66265 ASPEN AVE, NINILCHIK 907-567-3988 CALL NOW TO SIGN UP

### Coming up soon.....



### 2026 Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction

Our theme for next year will be:

Happy Birthday America!

America will be 250 years old!

Start thinking about your costume for next year!









Medicare

# OPEN ENROLLMENT IS OCT 15-DEC 7

Meet with a certified Medicare
Specialist from ILC

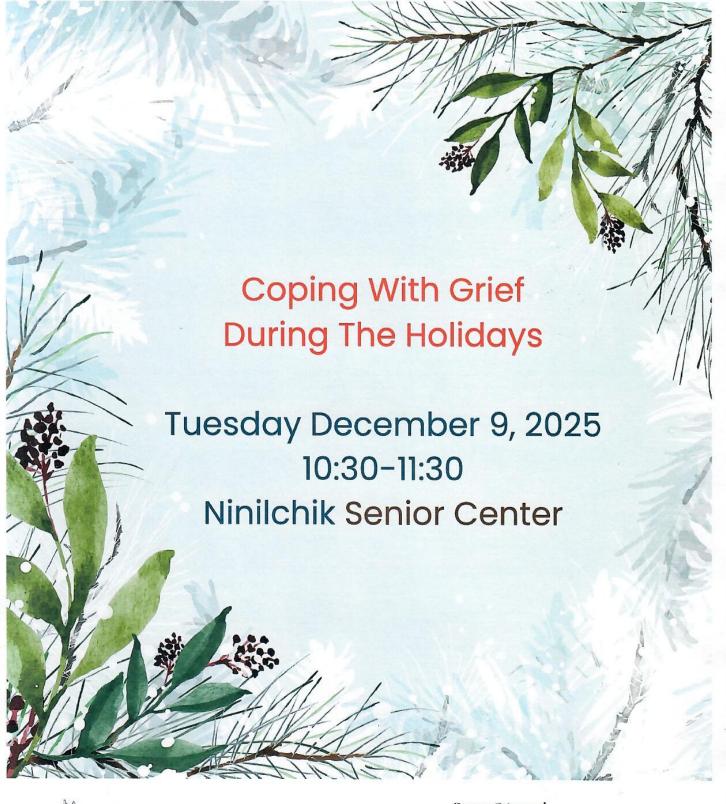






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66265 Aspen Ave
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11-00-25 FROM 9000 TO 4000
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

CALL (907)567-3988 TO SCHEDULE





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### This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #3 for Sep 24, 2025

### Across

- 1. Some telegraphic signals
- 5. "Village Voice" awards
- 10. Type of car
- 14. Brainstorm in Brest
- 15. TV clip
- 16. Cabbage kin
- 17. Math ratio
- 18. Eroded
- 19. Quilter's accessory case
- 20. Fair confection?
- 23. Air travelers' requirements
- 24. Kissing booth purchase
- 25. Friday series
- 27. Kipling's "Rikki-Tikki-
- 30. At the center of
- Gumshoes
- 35. Rorem and Beatty
- 37. Prove you are asleep
- 40. "The Night Country" author Stewart
- 41. Give in to gravity
- 43. Midwife's action
- 44. Loggers' contest
- 46. Spicy stew
- 47. Forearm bone
- 48. Fleming and McKellen
- 50. Tender
- 52. Scale models
- 55. "Seward's Folly"
- 60. Type of maniac
- **61**. Satiny orchids that survive best without water
- 64. Role for Edward G.
- 66. "Eating \_\_\_" (1982)
- 67. Per unit
- 68. Lendl or Rodriguez
- **69**. \_\_\_ nous
- 70. Wife of a rajah
- 71. Chapeau's perch
- **72**. Bikini in the Central Pacific
- 73. Robert of the CSA

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### Down

- 1. Platters
- 2. Lingo
- 3. Nearing the hour
- 4. Deal with
- 5. Symbol of charity
- 6. Bric-a-
- 7. Tiny bit
- 8. Edit
- 9. Actress Locke
- 10. Inst. for Tiny Tim
- 11. Ellington classic
- 12. Give the slip
- 13. Jefferson, for one

- 21. Halloween mo.
- 22. Tasty tubers
- 26. Big name in knives
- 28. Beach, Florida
- 29. Some famous ones are American
- 31. Craggy height
- 32. Brian of Roxy Music
- **33**. Duelist with the Gingham Dog
- 34. Underhanded type
- Recital offering
- **38**. Threw one's hat in the ring
- 39. Gov't air checker
- 42. Kind of parking

- 45. It's carried on the shoulders
- 49. Ornamental shrub
- **51**. "Roll Over Beethoven" grp.
- 52. Be worthy of
- 53. Architectural arch
- 54. Italics feature
- 56. Hardly oblivious
- **57**. Part of a flower's calyx
- 58. Danish dinero
- **59**. Easy \_\_\_ (simple)
- **62**. Japanese stringed instrument
- **63**. Gather and bind, as a sail
- 65. Loneliest number





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n° 314004 - Level Hard

## October Birthstones are Opal & Tourmaline Birth signs are Libra Sept.23—Oct 22 & Scorpio Oct 23—Nov 21 October birth flowers are Marigold & Cosmos







### Ninilchik Senior Center (NSC) Progressive Split the Pot Raffle

<u>Cost</u>: \$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.

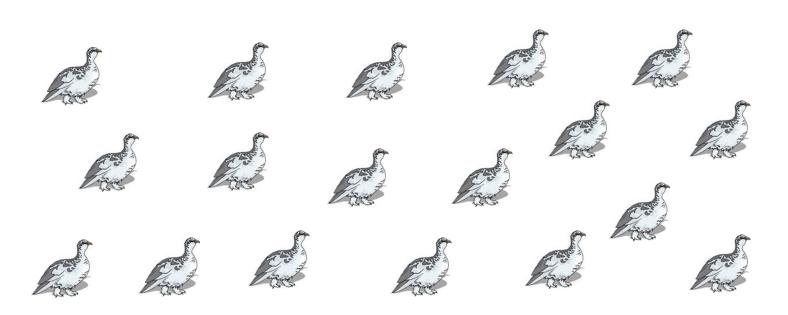
### 16 cards

(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









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- 1. In the 1960's what was the Katmai National Monument used for?
- 2. In the early 1900's, author Rex Beach worked in Kodiak gathering material for his book, "The Silver Horde". What kind of work did he do?
- 3. Name 4 of Alaska's major industries (6 total).
- 4. What is an "Orca"?
- 5. Who operated and what was the "ACS" in territorial days and early statehood?
- 6. The 1964 earthquake caused a tidal wave to strike what west coast city?
- 7. Who showed Joe Juneau and Richard Harris their great gold find?
- 8. True/False Pingos are commonly found in the Interior Region?
- 9. Where is the most developed ski area in Alaska
- 10. What are "Monuments in Cedar"?
- 11. How many permanent jobs were created along the Alaska pipeline?
- 12. What is the most popular time of year to visit Alaska?

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5. The Alaska Communica-4. Killer Whale

Mining, Hunting, Oil

3. Tourism, Fishing, Timber, 24 fish canneries

2. He worked in one of the tronauts for moon walks. 1. NASA used it to train as-

### Free Printable Word Search Puzzles

### Old TV Shows 3

Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.

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ADDAMS FAMILY
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CHARLIE'S ANGELS
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GUNSMOKE
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MONKEES
NIGHT GALLERY
PRETENDER

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### Join NSC's Legacy Club!

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.

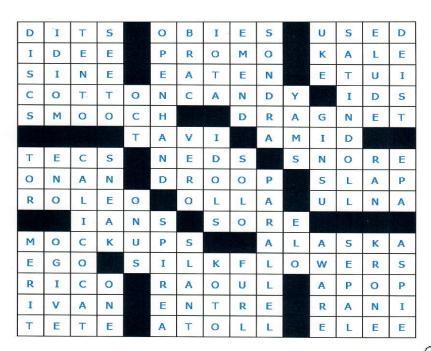


### Donor Tree Wall Levels of Giving:

• Tree Leaf: \$500. to \$999.

Ptarmigan: \$1,000. to \$4,999.Crane: \$5,000. to \$9,999.

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





This is the solution to the puzzle located <u>here</u>.

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### What Is Dehydration?

Water is the source of life. That may sound like an exaggeration, but it's true. Throughout your life, water is essential for many of your body's functions, including:

- Temperature regulation
- Waste elimination
- Joint lubrication
- Delivery of nutrients to cells
- Blood oxygen circulation
- Skin hydration
- Cognitive function

You become dehydrated when your body doesn't have enough water to sustain these vital processes.

Fortunately, your body is designed to constantly adjust its fluid levels. Thirst is one way this happens. When your body's fluid levels drop, your hypothalamus sends signals that create the sensation of being thirsty. As well, your kidneys preserve water by making your urine more concentrated when you don't have enough fluids in your body.

However, maintaining the right amount of water to avoid the consequences of dehydration can be a little tricky. That's partly because you lose water through sweat and urination, and also through normal bodily functions. For example, you exhale water vapor when you breathe.

And when you lose water, you also lose salt and electrolytes. Electrolytes are electrically charged nutrients that are essential for regular heartbeats, muscle contractions, and more. So losing electrolytes can have serious <a href="health">health</a> consequences.





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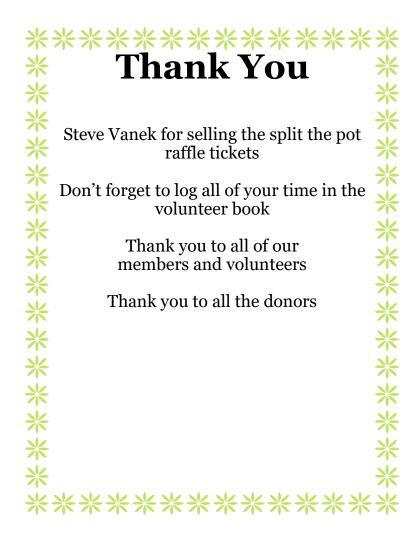
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David & Judy Clemenson
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We have a fund to provide items that are not in the budget.

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

THANK YOU!!!



### **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.

### **Board of Directors**

President: Dick Hawkins
V. President: Steve Vanek
Secretary: Kaye Waldsmith
Treasurer: Vi Nordgren
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Executive Director: Julie Otto
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Cook: Niki Keenan
Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson
Trans. Driver: Sharon Wheeler
MASST Employee: Tracy Rector
Backup driver: Ed Bledsoe

### **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

### 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





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