

Ninilchik Senior Center

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2025

Coming Up:

December 21—Winter begins
December 23—Christmas Party
December 24 to 26—Closed for
Christmas
January 1 & 2—Closed for New
Year's Holiday

HO! HO! HO! and a Merry Christmas to all. Yes, it's that time of year again. The decorations are going up and everybody is starting to bake goodies. I truly do enjoy the Holidays. Christmas carols are being played nonstop on the radio and the stores are crowded. Well maybe I don't care for that part very much but hey, you have to try to have a good time no matter what.

Some senior center events for December are: the Christmas Party on December 23. It always is a fun time. First of all a great meal and then the presents. If you choose to participate there will be a Yankee Swap gift exchange. It seems like the rules change every year so you should be there early so you don't miss out. You don't have to eat lunch to join the party. It will start after lunch and if you have a gift you should indicate if its for a man or a woman or either.

The center will be closed again this year for the holidays, but not as long. We will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 for the Christmas holiday, re-open December 29-31, be closed on January 1-2 for the New Year's holiday, and reopen on January 5, 2026.

Our construction project is moving along even though you can't see it. Bids have been received and a contractor selected. Plans and drawing are in the works. We remain hopeful that we will be able. to get started by the end of January.

All the best to you and yours this holiday season.

As Tiny Tim would say, "God Bless us everyone"

~ Dick Hawkins, President

A note from the Executive Director

December is here! The last month of the year! This year has flown by like so many of them do; but what a great year we've had! December has always been one of my favorite months of the year. The holidays are upon us; Christmas tunes are playing on the radio, the snow (or rain for us of late!) continues to fall, and thoughts of friends and family gathering for the holiday always brings a smile to my face.

The center will soon be decorated for the holidays and we'll be getting ready for our holiday party. This year things are a little different at the center. As in past years, this year we will NOT be closed the entire time between Christmas and New Years. This year we will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and then again on January 1 and 2. Times are changing and closing for the entire time between Christmas and New Year's will be evaluated each year in the future with the intentions of giving our staff a much needed break over the holidays while still being able to meet the needs of the center and those seniors who depend on our services. As a result, the dates of closure will vary each year.

Did someone mention a party??? Yes I did! The center's Christmas party will be held on December 23, following our "surprise" lunch. After lunch will be the traditional "Yankee Gift Exchange" (known by many names!) which is always a lot of fun. Be prepared to find and "swap" for the gift that catches your eye!! All are invited to join the fun. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a new, wrapped gift labeled with "man", "woman" or "either" (max value of \$20) and prepare to have a fun afternoon. If you are making holiday goodies or find something yummy to eat while you're out shopping and want to bring it to share with the group, feel free! Bring your friends, the more the merrier!!

Also happening this month; our kitchen project is starting to take shape! We are working with contractors at this time to get the final architectural drawings needed for the regulating bodies to sign off on the plans. This part of the project will take about 4-6 weeks it sounds like. After that, we're planning on full steam ahead to get the project underway. As with all plans, things are subject to change based on a variety of things but we're hoping for the best. We'll keep you informed as things progress.

Happy Holidays to each of you. Take some time this month to reflect on the year. Reconnect with friends, listen to some holiday music, and maybe even make someone's day

by smiling at by! Thank you to other great

~Julie Otto

them as you go everyone for anyear!! **NOTICE**: Due to the recent election, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Residential Property Tax exemption has changed from \$50,000 to \$75,000. In order to receive this exemption all residential property owners must apply.

EXAMPLE FORM

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(907) 714-2230 or 1-800-478-4441 Fax (907) 714-2393

5.13.120. RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION - APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA

- A. Exemption. Pursuant to KPB 5.13.080(C), the first \$75,000 of the assessed valuation of a single parcel of residential real property, owned or partly owned, and occupied as a primary residence and permanent place of abode by a resident may be eligible for a general taxation exemption as set forth in KPB Chapter 5.12 and this chapter.
- B. Criteria. To qualify for this exemption, on January 1 of the assessment year an applicant must:
 - (1) Be a permanent resident of the borough and occupy the property as the applicant's primary residence and permanent place of abode.
 - (2) An applicant under this section is ineligible to receive the exemption if the applicant has applied for or received a similar residency-based exemption for the same year for property located in another jurisdiction outside the borough.
 - (3) Only one exemption under this section may be granted per parcel of residential real property.
- C. Rebuttal presumption. If the owner of record occupied the property for less than 185 days during the previous year, the assessor may presume that the property has not been occupied as the owner of record's primary residence and permanent place of abode, The applicant may rebut this presumption by providing the assessor with satisfactory evidence that the lack of occupancy was for personal or a dependent family member's medical care and that but for the absence for medical care the applicant would have met the exemption criteria.
- D. Application deadline. On a form prescribed by the assessor, the application must be postmarked by or hand-delivered to the assessing department on or before February 15 of the tax year for which the exemption is sought. An updated application is not required for successive years unless there is a change in ownership or occupancy of the residence, or the assessor has selected the parcel for audit.

^{**}Alaska Statute 29.45.110 requires the Assessor to assess all property at its full and true value each year. While the request for sales information is not mandatory, the information requested will assist the Assessor in determining current market values and in maintaining fair and equitable assessed values for all property in the Borough.

Ninilchik Senior Center's 2025 Year-End Giving Campaign



√ Yes, I can help by making a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation (please circle one)

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Our quilters—A BIG THANK YOU!!







A huge thank you to the patrons of the Craft Fair that purchased items from the quilters. \$666.50 was donated to the Senior Center.



The silk tie quilt was started by Carolyn Rathert, finished by Donna Schaetzle.

Drawing was held November 9th during the craft fair.

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!











Ready or not the Holidays are upon us. So, this month I'm doing Christmas Trivia (I know you have all been missing it on Fridays). Good Luck and from my home to yours Merry Christmas!

- 1. In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?
- 2. What Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver?
- 3. In 1981, Bob and Doug McKenzie released their own version of what classic song?
- 4. In North America, wild reindeer are referred to as what?
- 5. Legend has it the tradition of hanging stockings, what were the first stocking stuffers?
- 6. What U.S. President banned Christmas trees at the White House?
- 7. The song "Jingle Bells" was originally written to celebrate what holiday?
- 8. What modern day country was Saint Nicholas born?
- 9. 1964 movie Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, what is Rudolph's Elf companions name?
- 10. How many reindeer are featured in the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas?"
- 11. Whose recording of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer topped the U.S. charts in 1949?
- 12. True or False: The average American gains three pounds over the holidays.
- 13. "Mele Kalikimaka" means "Merry Christmas" in what language?
- 14. What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant?
- 15. What's the name of Rudolph's girlfriend in the television special?
- 16. What phrase made popular in "A Christmas Carol" expresses annoyance with Christmas?
- 17. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", what three words best describe the Grinch?
- 18. In what country do people celebrate Christmas by eating chicken from KFC?
- 19. Which classic Christmas Carol contains the lyric "Strike the harp and join the chorus"?
- 20. What Bing Crosby song is the best-selling single ever?

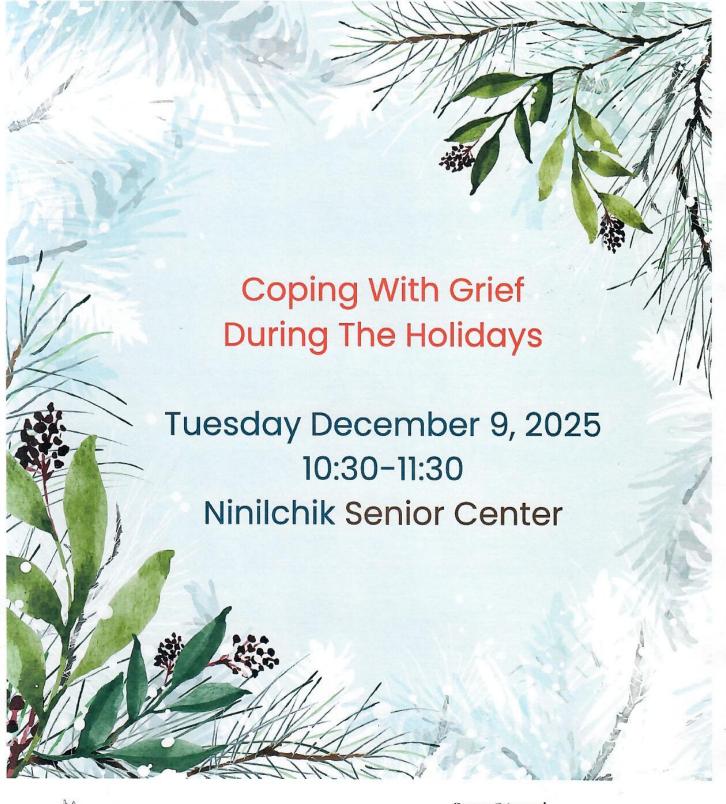
As always Swing for the Fence! Be safe and see you in 2026!

Cheryl

Answers to the Dug Out quiz

ANSWERS:

- 1. An old Silk Hat
- 2. Tinsel
- 3. Twelve Days of Christmas
- 4. Caribou
- 5. Gold Coins
- 6. Theodore Roosevelt (he was an environmentalist)
- 7. Thanksgiving
- 8. Turkey
- 9. Hermey
- 10. Eight, no Rudolph
- 11. Gene Autry
 - 12. False, closer to one pound
 - 13. Hawaiian
 - 14. Mistletoe
 - 15. Clarice
 - 16. Bah Humbug
 - 17. Stink, Stank, Stunk
 - 18. Japan
 - 19. Deck the Halls
 - 20. White Christmas





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Free Printable Crossword Puzzle #3

This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #3 for Nov 14, 2025

Find the solution at

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Across

- 1. Like some opposites
- 6. Sylvester, e.g.
- 9. "Flying" types of sails
- 13. Make happy
- **14.** Bird on some Australian coins
- 15. Miller rival
- 16. Make another eBay offer
- 17. The fourth Musketeer
- **19**. Event whose followers are sometimes called bracketeers
- 21. Residential suffix
- 22. It's lent for support
- **23**. Island wear that spawns lame sex jokes
- **24.** Contest where you'd hear words like "euonym" and "autochthonous"
- 27. Hot drink need with a naughty alternate meaning
- 29. One way to check sex
- 31. ___ a climax (built up)
- 33. "Panic Room" actor Jared
- **34.** Former Mouseketeer on "The All New Mickey Mouse Club"
- 38. Living hand-to-mouth
- **39**. Alien cook on "Star Trek: Voyager"
- 40. Pete Rose-style hairdos
- 43. He's full of himself
- 47. Some promgoers: abbr.
- 48. OVC rival
- 49. "Yeah, right!"
- 50. Sound from Beaker
- **51**. Show where kids could be Grouchketeers
- **54**. Actor who appeared in 1991's "The Rocketeer"
- 57. Guy who's hard to find?
- 58. Replacement on the greens
- 59. "Blah blah blah"
- 60. "As You Like It" forest
- 61. Meal in a pot
- 62. Billy ___ Williams
- 63. A long time

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- 2. Ester in some moisturizers
- 3. Home of famous tar pits
- 4. Fan tail?
- **5**. Kid's Valentine's Day project, often
- 6. Sauna wood
- 7. "Diary of ____ Black Woman"
- 8. Let go
- **9**. Gets the blood pumping, maybe
- 10. Saturn model
- **11**. It may provide an uplifting experience
- 12. ID with two hyphens
- 15. Maker of watches and keyboards

- **18**. Contestant in some "Jeopardy!" tournaments **20**. David (six-pointed
- star) **24**. Word before Rabbit,
 Bear, or Fox
- 25. Grub
- **26**. Style of music running through "Garden State"
- **28**. Female that may get name-dropped by the Beastie Boys, e.g.
- 29. Eye nuisances
- **30**. ___SmithKline (pharmaceutical company)
- **32.** Stripped down to nothing
- 34. Rude dude
- 35. Chess ranks, really
- **36.** They're entered in court
- **37**. Like some tournament ties

- **38.** Sammy often eaten without crusts
- **41**. Hide answers on your hand, say
- 42. Big blotch on old maps
- **44.** Marcos in 1980s shoe news
- 45. Farmer, at times
- 46. Wyoming range
- 49. Therefore
- 51. Angel-making stuff
- 52. Dust-dwelling critter
- 53. Real pink
- **54**. Pop-ups, for instance
- 55. Totally wasted
- **56**. Madison ____

Free Printable Word Search Puzzles

Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.

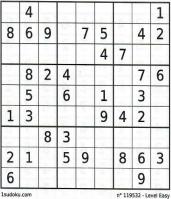
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nº 324390 - Level Hard

December birthstone is Topaz





December birth signs are Sagittarius 11/23-12/21 and Capricorn 12/22-1/20





December birth flowers are Holly and Narcissus



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.

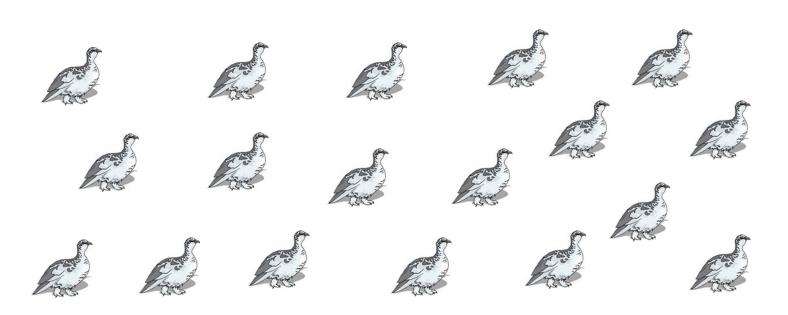
16 cards

(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. What city had to relocate because of the damage caused by the great earthquake?
- 2. What geographic areas of the state did the Eskimos traditionally inhabit?
- 3. True/False Most of the timber is cut from trees over 150 years old
- 4. Name a sea mammal that has bones, joints, most muscles, nerves and arteries of the human arm and hand.
- 5. What part of the state is the "Chain"?

(Pt. Barrowto Valsez)

- 6. What was the "Chinese Exclusion Act" of 1904 about?
- 7. How is the climate in the northwestern region generally classified? (maritime, continental, transition, or arctic)

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- 8. Name three mammals that inhabit the Kuskokwim Bay region.
- 9. What is the name of the Yukon Territory's famous gold rush town?
- 10. What is the name of the federal Indian Reservation in southeast Alaska?
- 11. At what two points does the transalaska pipeline begin and end?

of locals, this act put a lim- 11. Prudhoe Bay and Valdez Munu canneries to the exclusion were imported for labor in 10. Metlakatla Indian Com-6. Local hire, the Chinese 9. Dawson Caribou and moose 5. Aleutian Islands Wolves, Sheep, Wolverine, 4. Whale Musk-Ox, Polar Bear, 3. True 8. Brown Bear, Black Bear, southwestern areas 2. Northwestern, Arctic and 7. Continental

1. Valdez

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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.



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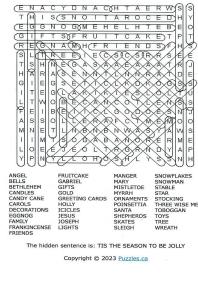
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SNOWFLAKES SNOWMAN STABLE STAR STOCKING THREE WISE MEN TOBOGGAN TOYS TREE WREATH

The hidden sentence is: TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

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Byron Moore 12/1

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David Lindberg 12/6

Chris Wing 12/7

Donald Josten 12/8

Russ Cross 12/10

Michael Schuster 12/11

Karen Anderson 12/12

Jerry Reinhart 12/14

Darla Evans-Egbert

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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

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

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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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Kitchen & Homemaker: Yolanda
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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Byron Moore 12/1 Flizabeth Gade 12/3	Kielbasa & Veggies	Roast Beef	Cashew Chicken	Baked Ziti with	Asian Chicken Stir Fru Veggies	Sour served daily
Conrad Matsuoka 12/6	O-lle(Gravy	Croissant	Mixed Vegetables	Rice	with pick up meals
David Lindberg 12/6		Carrots	Broccoli Salad	Garlic Bread		
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Chris Wing 12/7	Cheesy Hashbrown	BBQ Glazed	Oven Fried	Bacon Broccoli	Halibut	Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members
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Michael Schuster 12/11	Scrambled Eags	O-llel	Graw	Garlic Bread		per cup
Karen Anderson 12/12	Fruit-No Salad Bar		Veggie	w/cheese & Olives		
Jerry Reinhart 12/14 14	15	91	Bingo (a) 1:15 17	Board Meeting 18	61	20
Darla Evans-Egbert 12/14	Lil' Cheddar	Crispy Pork	French Dip	Garlic Tomato	Salisbury Steak	Lunch starts right
Vicki Willard 12/15	Meatloaf	Applesance	Fries	Chicken Bake	Mashed Potatoes	at noon
Shauna Christensen 12/19	Mashed Potatoes	Cauliflower	Broccoli Salad	Peas & Carrots	Gravy	
Gene Giovanini 12/19	Gravy	Sweet Potatoes	Macaroni Salad	Stuffing	Carrots & Rolls	D
Wavnette Coleman-	Carrots & Rolls					
Burkhardt 12/20						
James Knox 12/20 21	77	23	24	25	26	27
Jim Smith 12/22	Chicken Stroganoff	Holiday	Center	Center Closed	Center	00000
Anne Florey 12/23	Noodles	Surprise	Closed for	for Christmas	Closed for	2
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June Josten 12/31	Carrots	Ribs	Enchilada	Closed for		
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