



Ninilchik Senior Center

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August

2026

Coming Up:

- ~ Annual Fundraiser Dinner 8/7
Closed for lunch, doors open at 4pm
- ~ Board Meeting 8/20
- ~ Sew Saturday 8/29

A Note From The President of the Board

August already!!!! Where has the summer gone? Some of you might ask. Others might ask, what summer? In my opinion we have been blessed with the perfect summer. No snow, enough rain to make sure we have plenty of bugs, lots of green grass and trees, and yes we have even had some sunny days.

What do we have to look forward to in August? Our annual fundraiser is coming up on August 7. It will be a fun event. The theme this year is "250 years of America". That is something to celebrate let me tell you. Dress up in you best patriotic outfit and help us celebrate. The tickets are \$35 each this year and they are going fast. We can only seat 120 folks so that is all the tickets. The doors will open at 4:00 for wine and cheese. Come have a glass and some snacks and take a look at all the items that are on the auction block this year. Dinner will start at 5:00; prime rib and all the fixings!

There will be a "Sew Saturday" the last Saturday of August. If you are into quilting or sewing come on down. That will start at 9:00 am.

August is also the month that we start to say goodbye to our snowbirds. They don't all leave in August but that is when the exodus starts. If you are leaving this month I wish you a safe trip and a good winter. I'm already looking forward to seeing you next year.

Several things happen in August that are not specific to the Center but they do affect the community. School will start up again this month. If you have the ability to donate some school supplies they are always needed and appreciated. The fair is always a high point of this month. There will be a lot of excitement there this year. I'll bet you will be able to meet many candidates there too, since this is an election year. Hunting season also starts this month. Be on the lookout for moose and be careful if you are walking in the woods.

I hope all of you have a wonderful month and God Bless you all.

Dick Hawkins, President

A Note from the Executive Director

August already – and finally some sunshine! August is a busy month here at the senior center. One of the most exciting events coming up in August is our annual fundraiser - on the 7th - the theme is “250 Years of America”. Along with a great prime rib dinner, we will be having both a dessert, silent, and live auction along with our brown bag items for which you can purchase tickets for opportunity to win these items. Buy your dinner tickets early – as there is a limited number of tickets and tickets will not be sold at the door! It will be a lot of fun! Come dressed up in your best red white and blue and have some fun! I hope everyone can join us.

Our annual meeting was held on July 23. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. During that meeting we thanked all of our wonderful volunteers, but one simple thank you doesn't seem enough! We are so appreciative of everyone willing to give of their time and talent to the senior center. Without our volunteers, we would be unable to do and offer as much as we do. It always seems that whenever there is a need, there is a volunteer to fill it. So many things go unnoticed as they are done by volunteers. If you are a volunteer, please know that what you do matters! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please talk to us in the office. Together, we can help make our senior center “The Best Little Senior Center on the Peninsula”!

There's still a lot of summer left so get out and enjoy it whenever you can!

Julie Otto, Executive Director





Ninilchik Senior Citizens, Inc.
Presents Our



Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction
Happy 250th Birthday U.S.A.!!!



Friday, August 7, 2026
at the
Ninilchik Senior Center

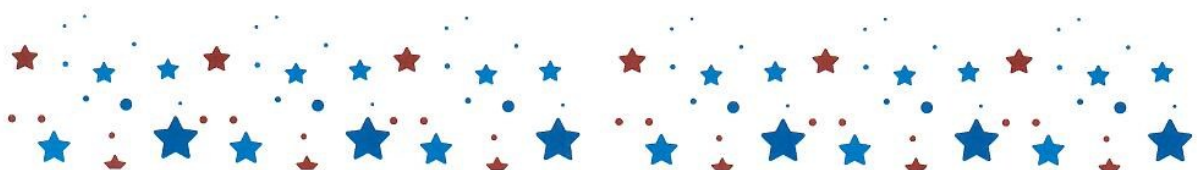


A Limited Amount of Tickets will be Sold
Tickets are \$35 ea. or \$33 ea. if you buy 3 or more
Tickets Must Be Purchased Prior to the dinner



Doors Open at 4 pm for Wine and Cheese Tasting
Prime Rib Dinner starts at 5 pm

Dress up with a Patriotic Flair & Join us for lots of fun with the
Live Auction, Dessert Auction, Silent Auction & Bag Sale



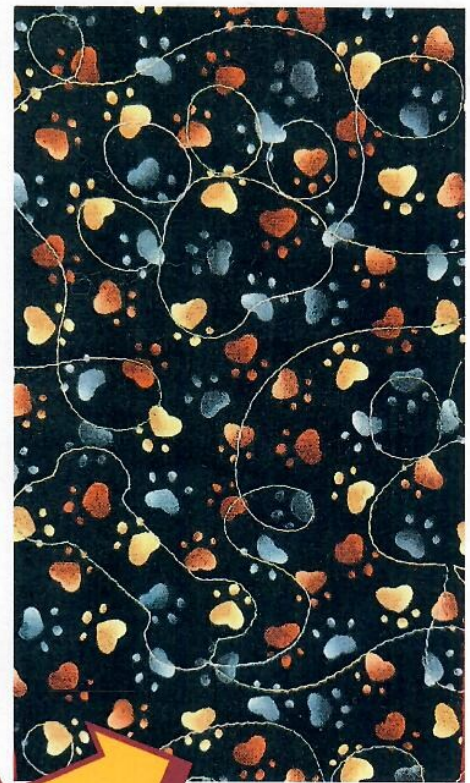
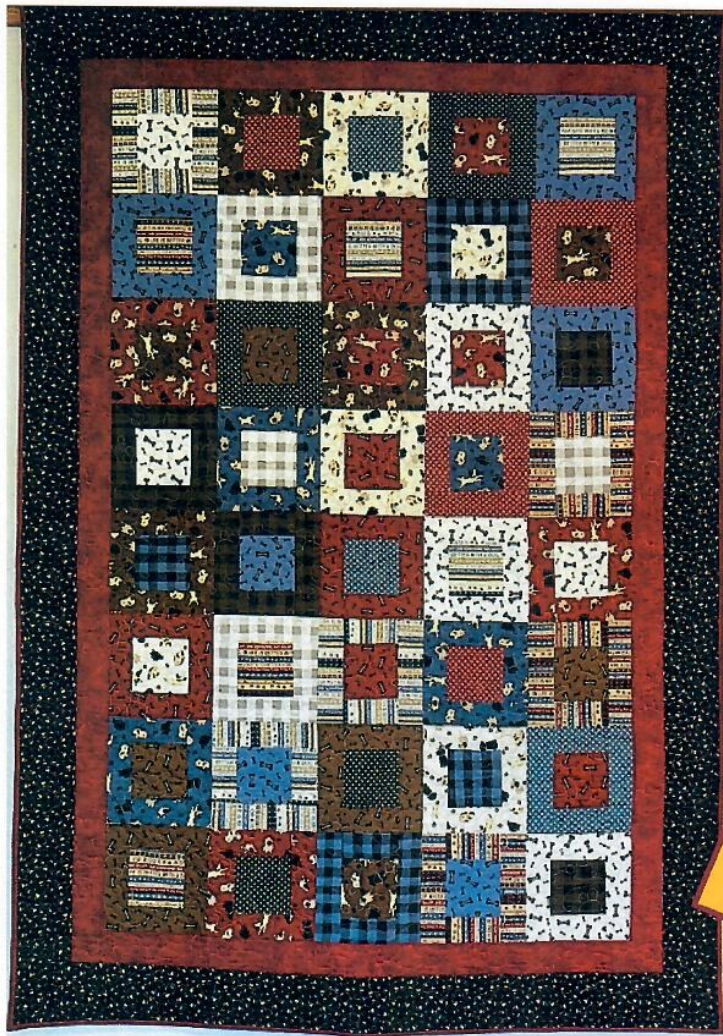
Ninilchik Senior Center.

Quilt Raffle

"Meet Your New Best Friend" Doggy Quilt.

This quilt was made by Julie Matsuoka. The quilting was done by Becky Woods. Thank you, ladies! Quilt Size: 79.5" x 55.5".

Come by the Senior Center to see it up close!



The Actual Quilting Pattern

Tickets are \$5 each and only 300 tickets will be sold

The Drawing to be held at the Ninilchik Senior Center on
September 4, 2026 at Noon

State of Alaska Gaming Permit #874

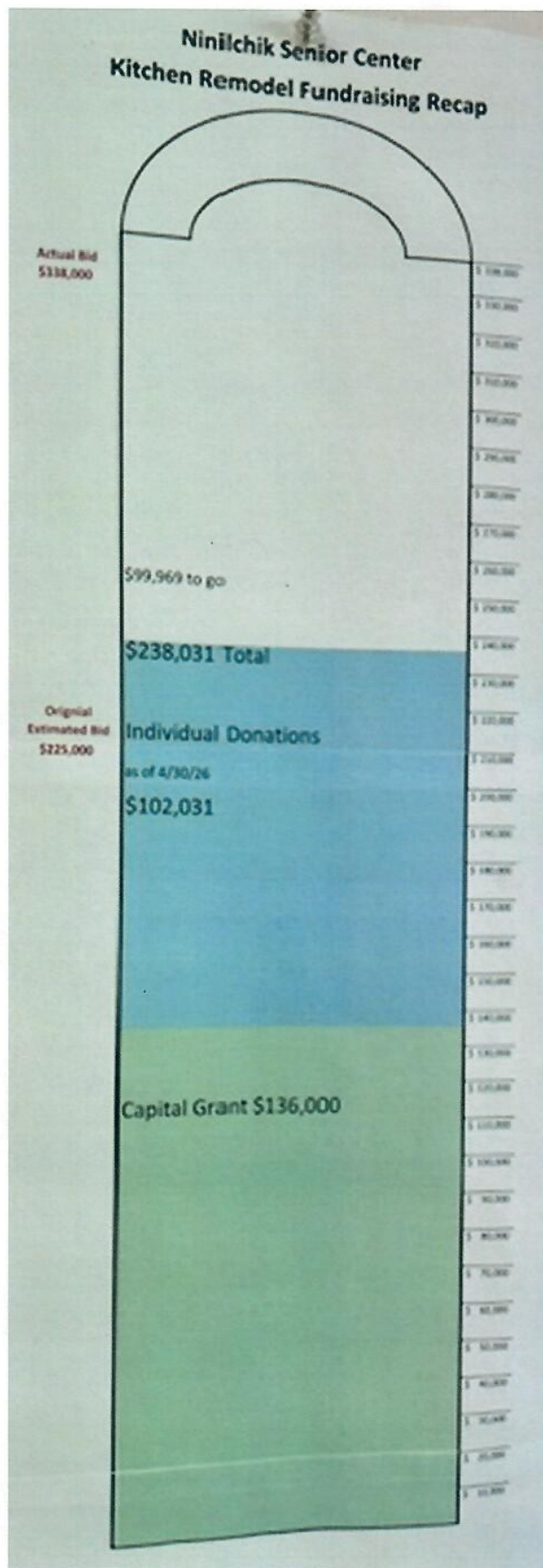


Hey let's gear up for our Happy Birthday America Senior Center Fundraiser!! So here are some interesting facts.

- ~1st Public 4th of July event at the White House took place in 1801. Thomas Jefferson was President, music, food and horse racing took place.
- ~1954 Dwight D. Eisenhower added "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ~Technically you are not supposed to wear American flags as apparel, bedding or drapery according to the flag code.
- ~There is always an MLB Baseball game played on the 4th of July and this year all 30 teams played.
- ~1776 the U.S. population was about 2.5 million.
- ~Youngest signer of Declaration of Independence was 26 years old. Edward Rutledge a founding father and former Gov. of South Carolina.
- ~A normal year for Fireworks imports is \$600 million, this year it doubled!
- ~Americans spend close to \$10 billion on 4th of July Food.
- ~John Hancock was the 1st to sign the Declaration of Independence.
- ~Betsy Ross and Paul Revere were both born on New Year's Day.
- ~Americans consume 150 million hot dogs per year at 4th of July picnics and this year the number tripled.
- ~Longest 4th of July parade is 3.3 miles long, 2 hours to complete and is held in Alameda, Calif.
- ~The oldest 4th of July Parade is in Bristol, Rhode Island dating back to 1785.
- ~1931 President Herbert Hoover signed Congressional Resolution for "The Star-Spangled Banner" to become our National Anthem.
- ~There have been 27 different official versions of our flag. Last edition was in 1959 when Hawaii's star was added.
- ~Independence Day technically should have been July 2nd 1776 when Congress voted for independence from Great Britain.
- ~The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 shoe.
- ~July 6, 1776 Pennsylvania Evening Post was the 1st newspaper to print the Declaration.
- ~Liberty Bell rings 13 times in Philadelphia, Pa. at 2:00 PM Eastern Time on the 4th of July to honor the 13 original states.
- ~Calvin Coolidge is the only President born on the 4th of July.
- ~More than 700 million pounds of chicken were bought this year for the 4th of July celebration.
- ~3 Presidents have died on the 4th of July: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4 1826,
- ~50 years to the day after the Declaration was adopted. James Monroe, the nation's 5th president died on July 4, 1831.

"Keep Swinging for the Fence"

Cheryl



Ninilchik Senior Center

Kitchen Remodel Fundraising Recap

~ The original Estimated Bid was \$225,000 back in 2022

~ We were awarded a Capital Grant of \$136,000

~ As of 4/30/2026 we have received \$102,031 in Individual Donations!

~ Leaving us with a Total of \$238,031

~ The Actual Bid is \$338,000

~ The Amount we still need to raise is \$99,969

We have another generous offer of a \$10,000 fundraising match!

If you can, please donate to the Kitchen Fund before July 31 so we can reach that \$10,000 amount to receive the matching \$10,000

Thank You to Everyone who has given so far! We really appreciate your generosity!

Thank you to some very generous members who have recently donated \$1169 towards the \$10,000 match!



*August birth flowers are the
Gladiolus & the Poppy*



August Birthstone is Peridot

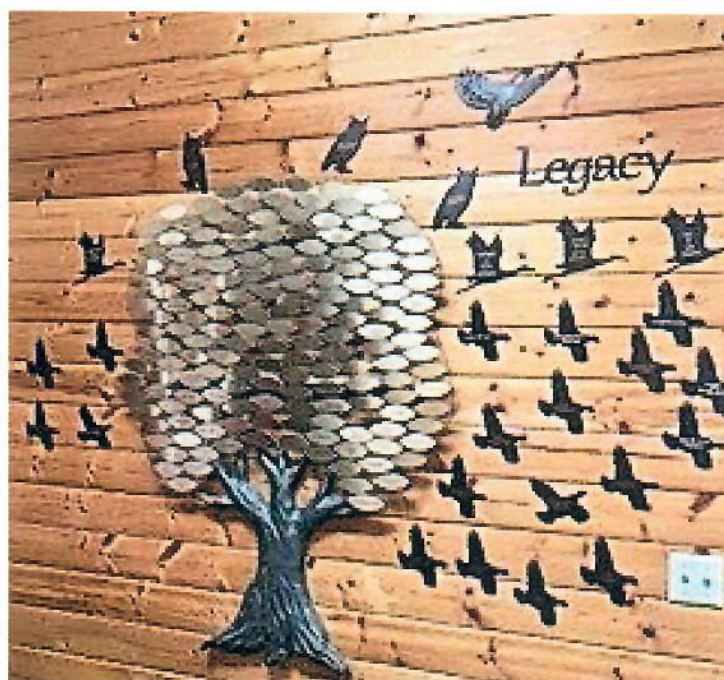


August birth signs are Leo & Virgo



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!

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DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

Let's Go Fishing

Word Search

BASS
BITE
BLUEGILL
BOAT
BOBBER
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CAST
CATFISH
CRAPPIE
HOOK
ICE
LAKE



LEECH	POND
LICENSE	RELAX
LIFE JACKET	SHORE
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MOTOR	TROLL
PIKE	WORM

Crossword #1

Across

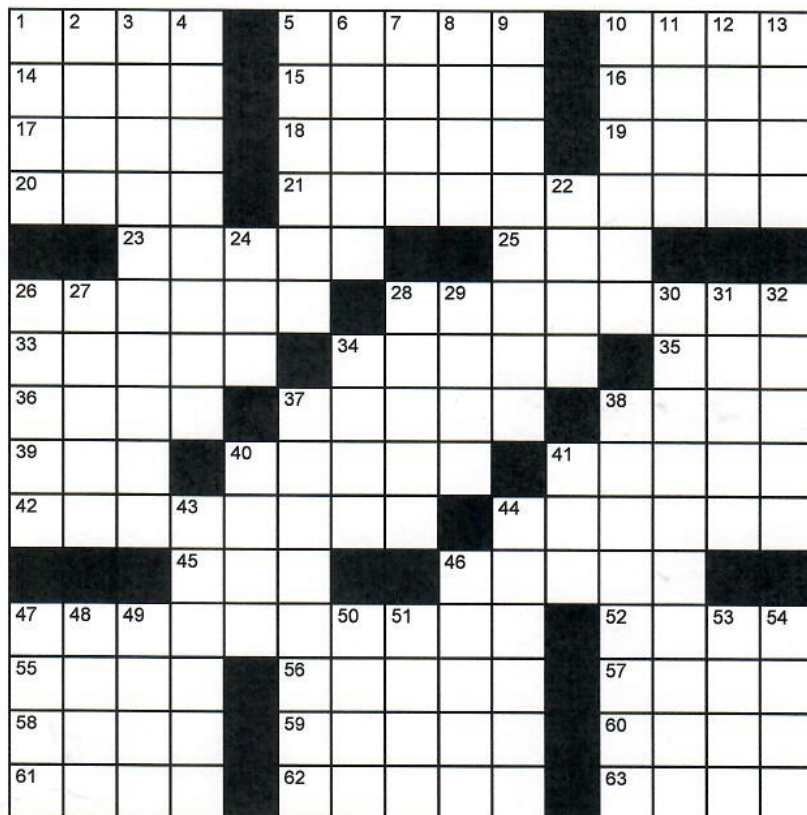
1. Peter I, for one
5. Border plant
10. Call to a mate
14. Altar locale
15. Gibson garnish
16. Ice cream treat
17. Quarterback's option
18. Girder material
19. Comedienne
Imogene
20. "Halt!"
21. Verse of four
measures
23. Show fear
25. Dead letters?
26. Kind of cord
28. Chill out
33. Unrefined
34. Energize (with "up")

35. Block
36. Hourly charge
37. Stake
38. Look after
39. Chowd down
40. Neglected boy
41. Abstain
42. From the age of
chivalry
44. Plow's trail
45. "Gosh!"
46. Heart line
47. Smelly pranks
52. Desire
55. Fashion designer
Chanel
56. Circa
57. Showy flower

58. Unpleasant
emanation
 59. Hangman's knot
 60. Air show stunt
 61. Strengthen, with
"up"
 62. Dissuade
 63. Kitty starter
- Down**
1. Last call?
 2. Cross words
 3. Kind of press
 4. Answer
 5. Inexpensive lodging
 6. Script direction
 7. South Beach, for one
 8. Suffix with theater

9. Darkroom apparatus
10. Click the OK button
11. Knee-slapper
12. Enough, for some
13. Academic period
22. Personal air
24. Is no longer
26. "Beat it!"
27. Go on and on
28. Watch
29. Square
30. Mental lapse
31. Ballroom dance
32. Fund
34. Buddhist leader
37. Range of
frequencies

38. Tex-Mex staple
40. Nerdy one
41. PETA peeve
43. Slight, in a way
44. Encourage
46. Bullying, e.g.
47. Kilt wearer
48. Type of list
49. Desktop feature
50. Double-reed
instrument
51. Kind of court
53. Congeal
54. Hoopla



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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

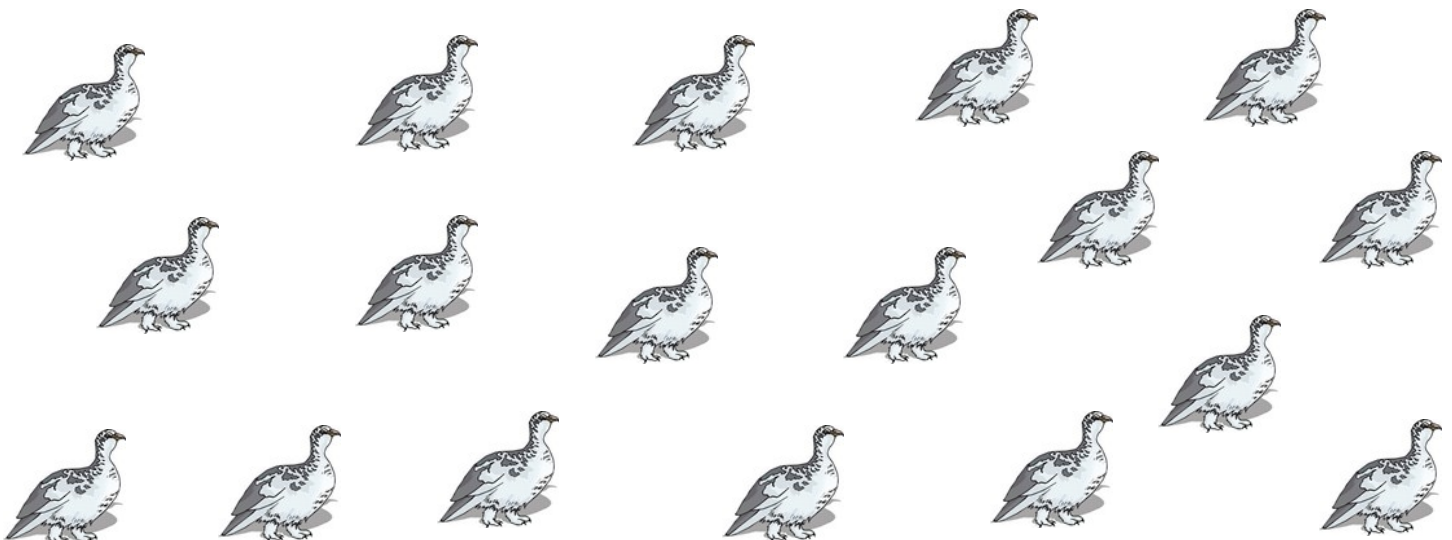
(1) Eagle: grand prize winner: 50% of the pot

(1) Owl: 10% of the pot

(14) Ptarmigan: \$5



Congratulations to all the prior weeks winners





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1. What Alaskan native group was also known as the linguistic cousin of the Apaches and Navajos of the American southwest?
2. What was the "Nome Wonder"?
3. What is the area bordering the Pacific Ocean, along the Gulf of Alaska and towards Japan and the far east called?
4. Who was the originator of the first Iditarod Dog Sled Race?
5. Name the two major mountain ranges that separate the state into geographic areas.
6. What is the swiftest of whales?
7. Name the largest city on the Kuskokwim River.
8. True / False Eagles are believed to be monogamous and mate for life.
9. The interior is generally classified in what climatic zone? (maritime, continental, transition or arctic)
10. Name one of the two largest cities above the Arctic Circle.
11. Name the hotel in Skagway known for its dome and historic rooms named after pioneers.
12. Nothing on the Arctic ice is as black as what bear's nose?

1. Athabaskan Indian
2. A six inch gold nugget discovered in 1901
3. The Pacific Rim
4. Joe Redington of knik on March 3 1973
5. Brooks Range and Alaska Range
6. Killer Whale or Orca
7. Bethel
8. True
9. Continental
10. Kotzebue and Barrow
11. Golden North Hotel
12. Polar Bear



Jeanine Shea 8/1

Shannon Bentley 8/4

Amy Garrouette 8/5

Joe Zimmer 8/8

Rose Stafford 8/8

Terry Wilkes 8/10

Lenora Regeon 8/11

Julie Otto 8/13

Donna Schaetzle 8/14

Bob Cook 8/15

Justin Boyd 8/15

Virginia Cuffe 8/15

Gerald Ettinger 8/15

Jim Beall 8/16

Howard Appel 8/16

Julie Matsuoka 8/17

Shirley Chihuly 8/20

Jim Lee 8/23

Lydia Lohse 8/26

Joan Mason 8/27

Ron Jorgensen 8/29

Sharon Wheeler 8/29

Tony Calabrese 8/31

Lana Martin 8/3

Diane Taylor 8/31

\$5 A Month Club

Thank you to the following who contributed to the club:

David & Judy Clemenson

Delmer McCune

Nora & Howard Appel

John & Janice Nofziger

Jim Beall

Russ Cross & Bev Graf-Cross

Bob Pearson

Richard Hawkins

Phillip Lopez

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!!!

Thank You

Steve Vanek for selling the split the pot raffle tickets

Mary Whybark for volunteering in the Greenhouse

All our volunteers at the Gazebo

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.

Board of Directors

President: Dick Hawkins
V. President: Steve Vanek
Secretary: Kaye Waldsmith
Treasurer: Vi Nordgren
Trustee: Cheryl Doyle
Trustee: John McCombs
Trustee: Dan Miller

Endowment Committee

Chair: Kaye Waldsmith
Vice Chair: Steve Vanek
Treasurer: John Nofziger
Secretary: Vi Nordgren

Staff

Executive Director: Julie Otto
Adm. Assist/Bookkeeper:
Tandy Wallace
Cook: Niki Keenan
Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson
Trans. Driver: Sharon Wheeler
Back up Driver: Chuck O'Neal
Homemaker: Tonya Sugak

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

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



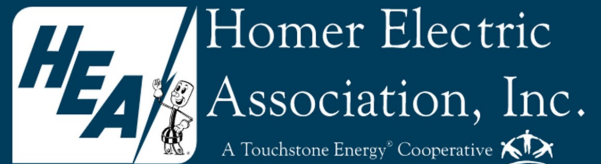
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Thank you!!!

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August 2026 Menu

Meals will still be available for 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	3	4	5	6	7	Info 1 / 8
Jeanine Shea 8/1 Shannon Bentley 8/4 Amy Garrouette 8/5 Joe Zimmer 8/8 Rose Stafford 8/8	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	Country Pork Ribs Baked Beans Coleslaw Cornbread	Chicken Alfredo Noodles Vegetable Garlic Bread Knots	Chicken Enchilada Refried Beans Mexi-Corn	Closed for Lunch Doors open at 4pm for Fundraiser Dinner	Soup served daily with pick up meals
Terry Wilkes 8/10	9	11	Bingo @ 1:15 12 BBQ Glazed Meatballs Loaded Mashed Potatoes Carrots	13 Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole Ham English Muffins Fruit-no salad bar	14 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	15 Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests To-Go Soup \$2.00 per cup
Lenora Regeon 8/11 Julie Otto 8/13 Donna Schaezle 8/14 Bob Cook 8/15 Justin Boyd 8/15 Virginia Cuffe 8/15 Gerald Ettinger 8/15	10 Apricot Glazed Pork Loin Stuffing Green Beans	Hawaiian Chicken Rice Stir-Fry Veggies	11 BBQ Glazed Meatballs Loaded Mashed Potatoes Carrots	12 BBQ Glazed Meatballs Loaded Mashed Potatoes Carrots	13 Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole Ham English Muffins Fruit-no salad bar	14 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable
16	17	18	Bingo @ 1:15 19 Turkey Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Cranberry Sauce	20 Board Meeting Sweet & Sour Meatballs Fried Rice Vegetable Eggroll	21 Lasagna w/Sausage Mixed Veggies Garlic Bread	22 Lunch starts right at noon
Jim Beall 8/16 Howard Appel 8/16 Julie Matsuoka 8/17 Shirley Chihuly 8/20	Beef Stroganoff Noodles Broccoli	Crispy Pork Cutlet Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce Vegetable	25 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	26 Bingo @ 1:15 Beef & Broccoli Fried Rice Eggroll	27 Tuscan Chicken Pasta Vegetable Cheese & Olive Bread	28 Bee
23	24	25	Bingo @ 1:15 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	26 Bingo @ 1:15 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	27 Tuscan Chicken Pasta Vegetable Cheese & Olive Bread	28 Bee
Jim Lee 8/23 Lydia Lohse 8/26 Joan Mason 8/27 Ron Jorgensen 8/29 Sharon Wheeler 8/29	Blueberry Pancake Casserole Bacon Potatoes Fruit-no salad bar	Mushroom Pasta Bake Vegetable Garlic Bread Sticks	29 Crispy Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable	30 Bacon Broccoli Pasta Bake Vegetable Garlic Bread	31 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Roll	32 Sunflowers
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Tony Calabrese 8/31 Lana Martin 8/31 Diane Taylor 8/31	BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Pasta Salad	Pork Enchilada with Mild Green Sauce Rice Vegetable	Cashew Chicken Salad w/Croissant Potato Salad Vegetable	Bacon Broccoli Pasta Bake Vegetable Garlic Bread	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Gravy Vegetable Roll	36

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