



# Ninilchik Senior Center

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## Coming Up:

- ~Board Meeting 12/19
- ~Christmas Party Monday 12/23
- ~Closed for Winter Break 12/24–1/1
- ~Welcome Back 1/2/2025

## A Note From the President of the Board:

Happy Holidays everyone. I hope this December finds you warm and cozy by a fireplace, watching the snow flutter down making a new white blanket on the ground. Or maybe on a nice warm beach somewhere just wishing you were back in the snowy cold. Whatever your particular case I hope you have a wonderful December.

The Senior Center will be celebrating with a Christmas Party on Dec. 23 right after lunch. That is also the last day they will be open until January 2. The Christmas party is always a lot of fun. Bring a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. You should keep it to \$20 or less and it should be identified for a man, a woman or either. I know that Casey will have a fabulous meal planned for us that day.

I want to take a moment here at the end of the year to thank all of our staff at the Center. Without them we would not be the friendly, warm and inviting place that we are. I truly hope you will take the time to thank all the staff when you see them over the next few weeks. They are very special. So, thank you to the great staff of the Ninilchik Senior Center.

I am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting new year. I'm anticipating some great things for the center in 2025. The kitchen remodel, not the least of them.

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

~ **Dick Hawkins, President**



## A Note from the Executive Director:

Welcome December!! Winter is in full swing. Snow hasn't been too bad yet this year but there's lots more winter to go!

December is a busy month for everyone. The holidays are here; time for families and friends to get together and celebrate. Speaking of celebrations, hope you can make it to the Senior Center party on December 23, right after a delicious lunch! It's always a good time and a great way to end the year.

That will be the last day we're open for the year. We will reopen on January 2, 2025.

I hope each one of you has a great holiday season. Take some time for yourself when you can. Enjoy those holiday gatherings. It's a wonderful time of year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!

~ Julie Otto

# Ninilchik Senior Center's Christmas Party

Join us for lunch and then right after lunch join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

If you would like a gift, please bring a gift. Please keep the price to around \$20. This might be the only gift someone gets, so please keep it thoughtful!

Gifts should be marked:

A Woman

A Man

Either



# Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare's open enrollment period for 2025 is  
October 15, 2024 through December 7, 2024.  
Changes made during this time will take effect  
on January 1, 2025





## DUGOUT NEWS

We are in the midst of the Holidays and the closing out of 2024. I know everyone is rushing around so I thought this month we could all use some helpful tips or words of wisdom to enlighten and carry us into 2025.

### Tips:

Got a stuck zipper? Rub it with the tip of a graphite pencil and it will work with ease again.

Clean the dryer vent after every load. Clean the vent screen monthly with a gentle soap and water bath. Rinse well and dry thoroughly before inserting back into your dryer.

For drains slowed by grease, sprinkle a half-cup of both salt and baking soda down the drain, follow it with an entire kettle or pot of boiling water.

Clean and disinfect a wood cutting board with salt and lemon juice. Sprinkle the board with a healthy dose of plain salt (kosher or coarse works best), and scrub it with a cut half of a lemon. Let it set for 10 minutes, rinse, then clean with a mild soap and rinse well with water.

Before you use your grater to grate cheese, give it a quick shot of not stick spray. This will keep the cheese from gunking up in the grate.

When sending cards, attach a return address label to the back so they don't have to search for the address from tearing the envelope open.

Use clothespins to reseal bread bags instead of twist ties.

Singing in the shower daily can help boost your immunity, lower blood pressure, reduce stress and help improve your mood.

### Guess what I am:

I help people express themselves I was founded in 1910, I love holidays. On Mother's Day I help make a lot of moms smile. I have my own TV Channel. I am based in Kansas City, Mo. I think greetings are important. See below for the answer.

**“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.” Princess Diana**

To each and every one of you I wish you a joyful holiday season and Merry Christmas! Till next month as always swing for the fence!

~Cheryl

(Hallmark Cards)

# 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

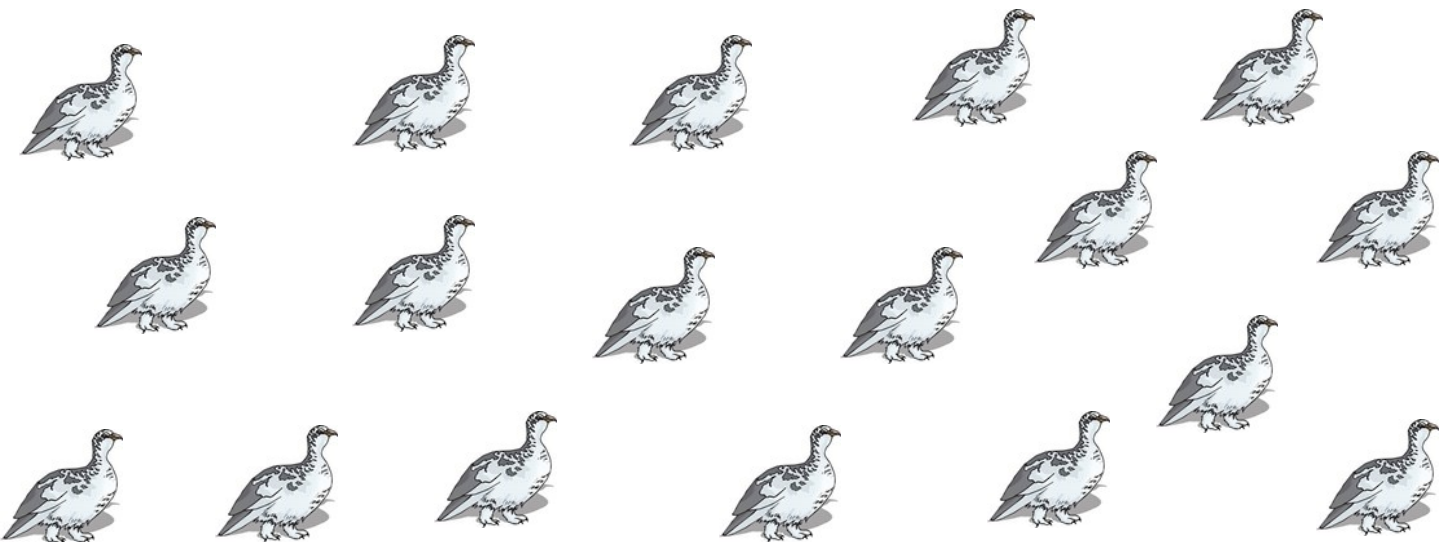
(1) Eagle: grand prize winner: 50% of the pot

(1) Owl: 10% of the pot

(14) Ptarmigan: \$5



Congratulations to all the prior weeks winners



# Christmas Tree



Find and circle all of the Christmas Tree words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining 53 letters spell a secret message.

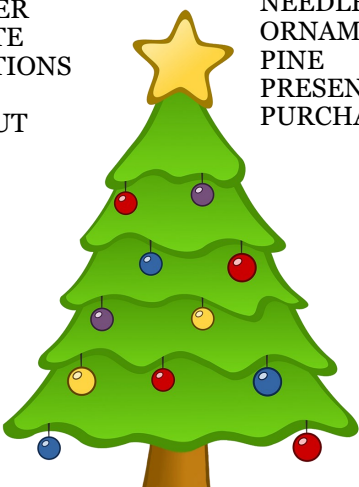
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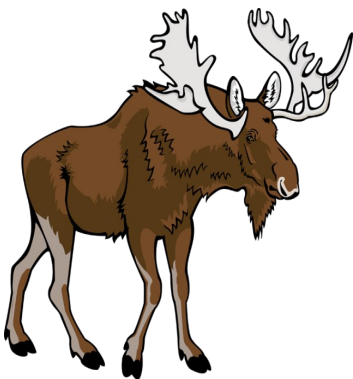




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1. Approximately how many miles long is the “Panhandle” of Alaska? (600, 800, 1000)
2. Is most of the timber in southeast softwood or hardwood?
3. What birds have been known to number in the millions in Alaska waters?
4. What well known mountain can be seen from Sitka?
5. How many states were in the union in 1867 when Alaska was purchased from Russia?
6. What year did the Alaska Juneau mine shut down? (1916, 1924, 1944)
7. What was known as the “Moose Gooser”?
8. What is the name of the large delta in southwestern Alaska?
9. Name the weekly newspaper noted for its prominence in reporting native issues.
10. Where is the largest known molybdenum deposit in Alaska?
11. What is the name of the largest goose to frequent Alaska?
12. The phrase “the Kenai” refers to what area?

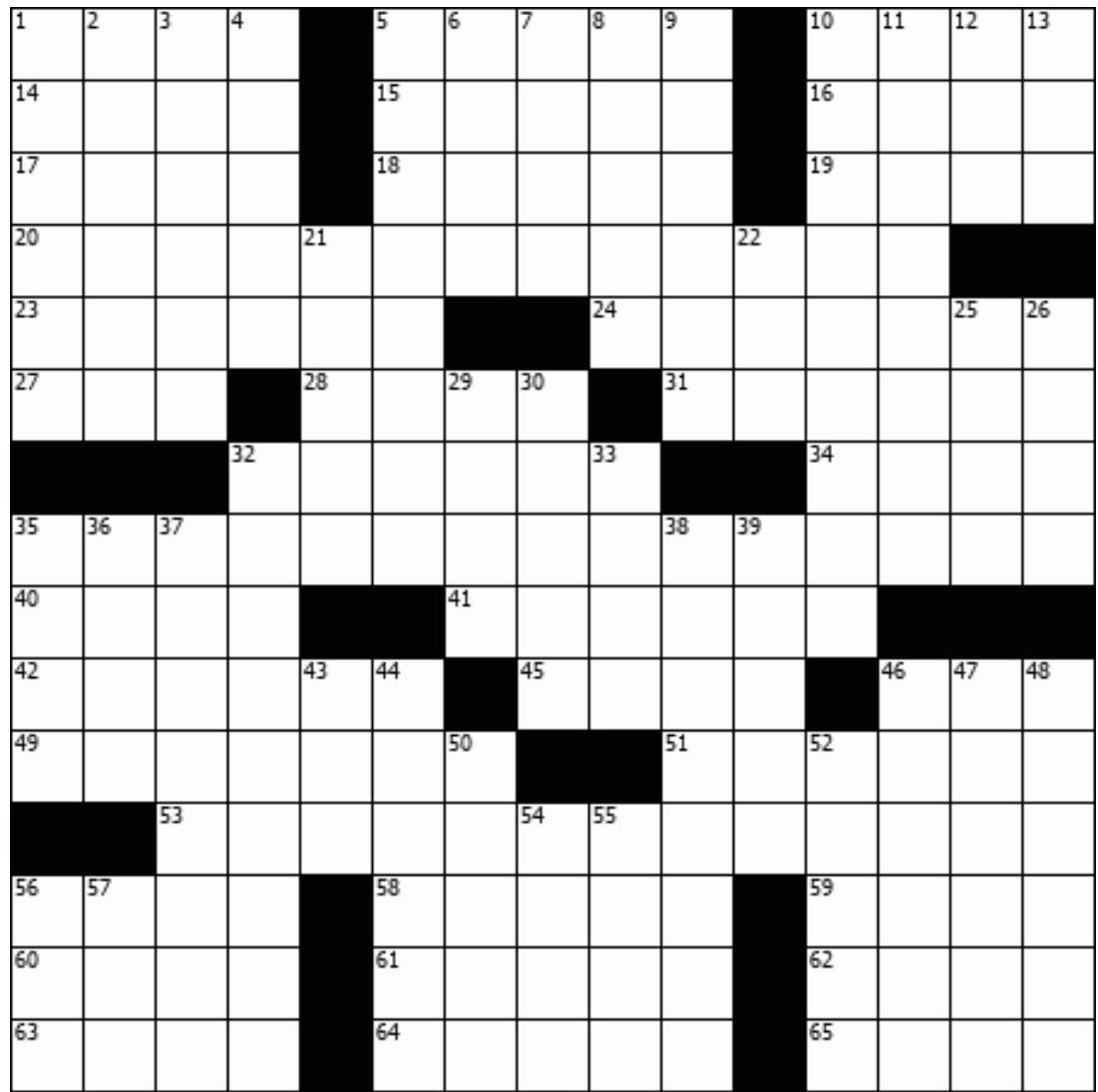


1. 600
2. Softwood
3. Sea Gulls
4. Mt. Edgecumbe
5. Thirty-six
6. 1944
7. Alaska Railroad
8. Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
9. Tundra Times
10. Near Kitchikan in south-east Alaska
11. Canadian Goose (up to 16 ponds)
12. The Kenai Peninsula



## Across

- 1. Partners of zigs
- 5. Some eastern Europeans
- 10. CODs, e.g.
- 14. Earthen pot
- 15. Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"
- 16. "The Haj" author Leon
- 17. Oil of \_\_\_
- 18. Without \_\_\_ in the world
- 19. Bundle of hay
- 20. Insomniac's repast
- 23. Roo's donkey friend
- 24. One in a contest
- 27. Cavity filler's title: Abbr.
- 28. Armory supply
- 31. Hindu incarnation
- 32. Catch some Zs
- 34. Sported
- 35. "Don't be so hard on the guy!"
- 40. Lotion additive
- 41. Slinks
- 42. Do business with
- 45. Scots Gaelic
- 46. Doctors' org.
- 49. "I"-minded?
- 51. Like dusk
- 53. Hit the ceiling
- 56. Trendy cuisine
- 58. "Christ Stopped at \_\_\_"
- 59. Cross inscription
- 60. Spongy ball material
- 61. Gamete producer
- 62. Shortly
- 63. Wall St. letters
- 64. "\_\_\_ Mio"
- 65. Intimate stopovers



## Down

- 1. Closed (in on), as for a photo
- 2. Like friendly nations
- 3. Knight with Pips
- 4. Refuse to give permission
- 5. Child actor's chauffeur
- 6. Lomond or Ness
- 7. Amo, amas, \_\_\_
- 8. Poem part
- 9. "Burnt" color
- 10. Journeys from bar to bar
- 11. Island west of Java, notwithstanding a 1969 film title
- 12. Actor Bellows
- 13. Opposite of NNW
- 21. Tehran resident
- 22. Off-road transport, for short
- 25. Pusher chaser
- 26. Taxing trip
- 29. Rolling stone's lack
- 30. Damaged layer
- 32. Product expiration date factor
- 33. The "E" in EMT: Abbr.
- 35. Mama of pop
- 36. Peter Fonda role
- 37. Turnpike gates
- 38. Manhattan area
- 39. Distorts
- 43. South-of-the-border uncle
- 44. Lake Ontario port
- 46. Support group for families of drinkers
- 47. Millionth of a meter
- 48. Diet maven
- 50. Vagrants
- 52. Formal response to "Who's there?"
- 54. It's forbidden
- 55. Israeli flier
- 56. Former "Grand Ole Opry Live" network
- 57. Attention getter



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n° 120358 - Level Easy

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n° 215027 - Level Medium

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n° 319398 - Level Hard

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# Join NSC's Legacy Club!

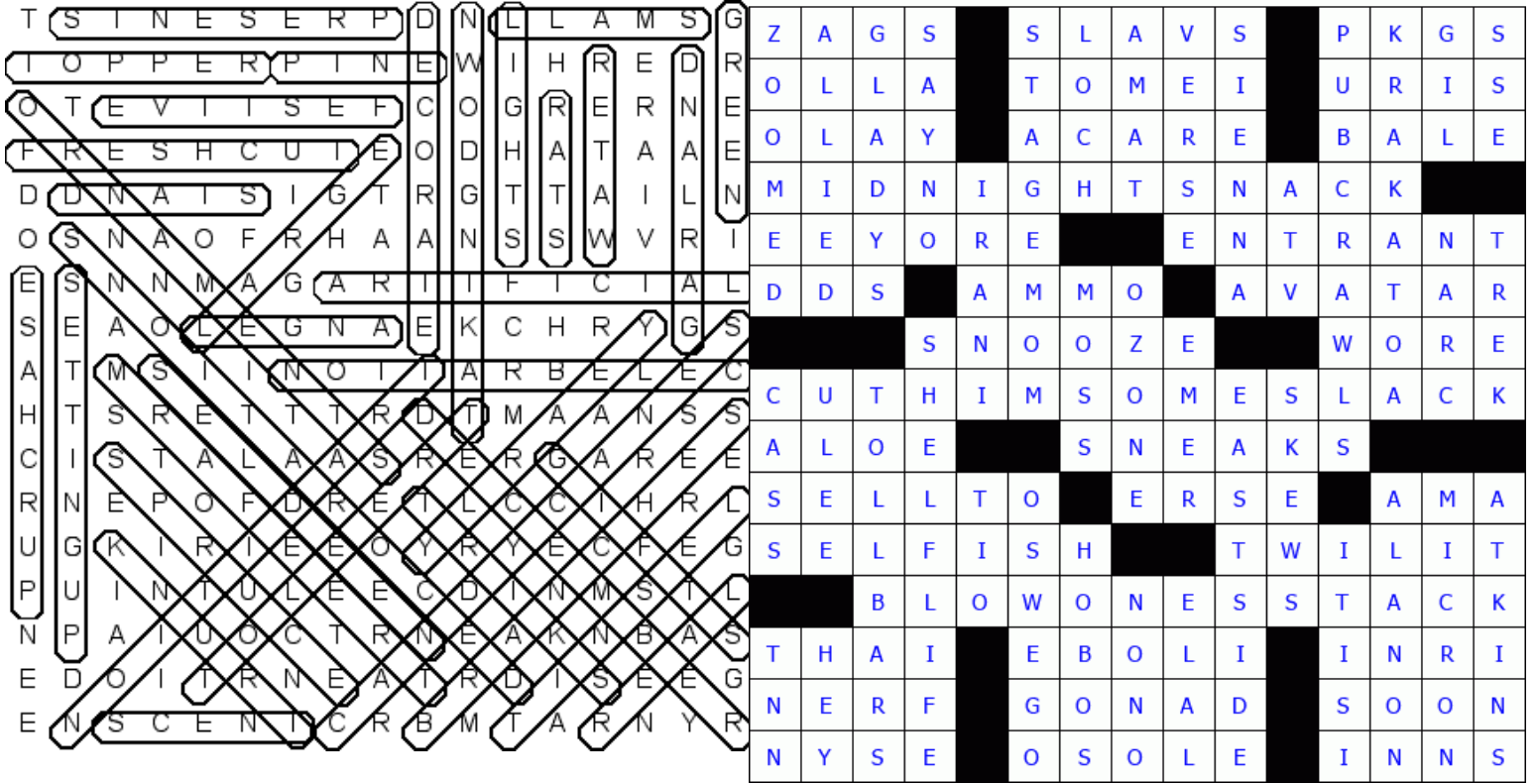
Leave a Legacy and make a donation (monthly or not) of any amount to the NSC Endowment Fund or NSC Operations and once your donations reach \$500, your name will be added to our donor tree. Endowment Fund Donations provide long-term investment income for the Senior Center.



## 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!



Solutions :

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1sudoku.com n° 120358 - Level Easy

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1sudoku.com n° 215027 - Level Medium

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1sudoku.com n° 319398 - Level Hard

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Puzzle Answers



Byron Moore 12/1  
Elizabeth Gage 12/3  
Terry Nelson 12/3  
Conrad Matsuoka 12/6  
Donald Josten 12/8  
Russ Cross 12/10  
Michael Schuster 12/11  
Jerry Reinhart 12/14

Darla Evans-Egbert  
12/14  
Vicki Willard 12/15  
Dar Van Offeren 12/18  
Shauna Christensen  
12/9  
Gene Giovanini 12/19  
Pam Jacobs 12/19  
Beverly DenBleyker  
12/20

Jeremiah Fender 12/21  
Steph Johnson 12/22  
Ruthe Bauman 12/24  
Steve Vanek 12/25  
Helena Torretta 12/25  
Paula Williams 12/29  
June Josten 12/31



### **\$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  
Josie Savoy  
John & Janice Nofziger  
Ron Jorgensen  
Jim Beall

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**

Joe Burkett for the Turkey Donation

Myrtle Mae Erickson for donating the Christmas Decorations

Jim Beall for donating the Christmas Decorations

Char Moore for volunteering to decorate

Everyone who helped with the Gazebo this year

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.

## Board of Directors

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

## Endowment Trustees

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

## 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  
NSC Homemaker: Niki Keenan

## 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.

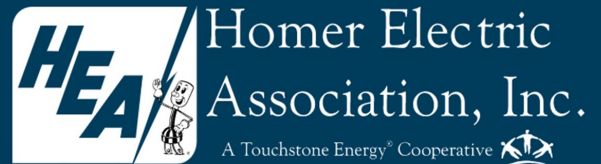
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The center's Organization Identification Number is **GP013**.

**Thank you!!!**



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# December 2024 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
<b>Birthdays</b> 1 Byron Moore 12/1 Elizabeth Gage 12/3 Terry Nelson 12/3 Conrad Matsuoka 12/6	2 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Coleslaw Macaroni Salad	3 Pork Medallions Yams Green Beans Stuffing	<b>Bingo @ 1:15</b> 4 French Toast Bake Sausage Eggs Hashbrowns Fruit	5 Cashew Chicken Salad w/Croissant Broccoli Macaroni Salad	6 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots Rolls	7 <i>Soup served daily with pick up meals</i>
8 Donald Josten 12/8 Russ Cross 12/10 Michael Schuster 12/11 Jerry Reinhart 12/14 Darla Evans-Egbert 12/14	9 Beef Stroganoff Noodles Vegetable	10 Country Pork Ribs Beans Coleslaw Cornbread	<b>Bingo @ 1:15</b> 11 Chicken Alfredo Carrots Bread	12 Cranberry Pork Loin Stuffing Vegetable	13 Mongolian Beef Rice Broccoli	14 <i>Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests To-Go Soup \$1.00 per cup</i>
15 Vicki Willard 12/15 Dar Van Offeren 12/18 Shauna Christensen 12/19 Gene Giovanini 12/19 Pam Jacobs 12/19 Beverly DenBleyker 12/20 Jeremiah Fender 12/21	16 Chicken Enchiladas Refried Beans Stir Fry Veggies Rice	17 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fries Macaroni Salad	<b>Bingo @ 1:15</b> 18 Swiss Mushroom Bacon Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Cabbage Rolls	<b>Board Meeting</b> 19 Hawaiian Chicken Rice Eggrolls Veggies	20 Biscuits & Gravy Hashbrowns Sausage Fruit	21 
22 Steph Johnson 12/22 Ruthe Bauman 12/24 Steve Vanek 12/25 Helena Torretta 12/25	<b>Christmas Party</b> 23 Surprise Holiday Lunch	24 <b>Closed For Winter Break</b>	25 <b>Closed</b> 	26 <b>Closed For Winter Break</b>	27 <b>Closed For Winter Break</b>	28 <i>Lunch starts right at noon</i>
29 Paula Williams 12/29 June Josten 12/31	30 <b>Closed For Winter Break</b>	31 <b>Closed For Winter Break</b>	<b>Jan 1</b> 2 <b>Closed For Winter Break</b>	2 Pork in Red Sauce Cabbage Fried Rice Beans	3 Frittata Sausage Texas Toast Fruit	

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