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- Coming Up:
- ~ April Fool's Day 4/1 ~ Board Meeting 4/17 ~ Good Friday 4/18 ~ Easter 4/20

A Note From the President of the Board:

Hello all!!!! I grew up here in good old Ninilchik. Even up here in the far north I learned the old adage "April showers bring May flowers". As a child I didn't quite understand what was being said. How could a snow shower help with flowers in May? We didn't deal with annuals or even perennials while I was growing up. It was enough work tending to the vegetable garden much less a flower garden. Oh well! Suffice it to say "we up here in Alaska don't care how they do it in the lower 48. I do know that spring will come as well as summer and things will green up when the good Lord sees fit.

Don't know if you have heard yet but our Gun Show is coming back. It is scheduled for May 31 and June 1. The posters will be going up this next week with all the info that you need to know. We are also planning to have two gun raffles again. This time two different weapons. Make sure to get your raffle tickets early and often. There will be a lot more info coming but mark those dates on your calendar.

The kitchen project is starting to make progress. We have an architect that will draw up detailed plans and the request for bids can go out. That should happen by the end of April or the first of May.

The birds will start coming back this month. Not just the snow birds but the others as well. I always look forward to hearing and seeing the first Sandhill cranes. They always make an appearance in the field below our house. I get such a kick out of watching them. They have a definite pecking order and it's always fun to watch the younger ones get put back in their place.

The Nenana Ice Classic will stop selling tickets this month. I think the last day is April 5 to buy a ticket. The earliest the ice has ever gone out is April 20th and the latest is May 20. I have never bought a ticket but it is always fun to keep track of when the ice goes out and how many winners there are. Remember you have to guess the day, hour and minute the ice will go out. It is determined by a tripod set up on the ice with a clock and a line to the river bank that trips the clock when the ice melts and hence the tripod moves at least 100 yards down river. Have a great month everybody. God Bless you all.



A Note from the Executive Director:

April - yippee! Spring has sprung! Our mild winter weather seems to be carrying forward into spring. Let's hope it keeps up! Soon our endless long days and short nights will be here! Something else to look forward to in spring - opening the gazebo! If luck is on our side, we will be able to get the gazebo up and running again during the first half of May. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to us in the office, we are always looking for folks to help!

Speaking of volunteers, for all you wonderful folks that volunteer, April 20-26, 2025 is National Volunteer Week! We are so fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers here at the center. Those who serve on our board of directors are volunteers, those working at the gazebo are volunteers, those working our events are volunteers....and many more.....you all so very important to our center. Thank you to each and every one of you! You are much appreciated! Thank you! Thank you!

April also gets us one month closer to the gardening season. Get your space reserved now in our community garden. Take advantage of our raised beds! The beds are 8 feet long and 2 feet wide – perfect for growing beautiful vegetables without having to crawl around on the ground. If you are interested in a garden plot this year or one of the raised beds, please let the office know. Put your green thumb to work and grow some veggies!

With the arrival of spring and the weather is getting even nicer (we hope!), soon we'll see our "snow bird" friends returning from their winter homes. It's always nice to see everyone again! Welcome back, you've been missed!



~ Julie Otto

Ninilchik Senior Center ³Chances to Win

\$20 per ticket, only 400 tickets to be sold

Diamond Back DB15, AR15, 5.56 cal/223, 16" Barrel MSRP \$700



Color may vary

<u>G Force Saddlehorn lever action 44 mag "Mares Leg" 12" barrel 5 round</u> <u>Pistol MSRP \$699</u>



Pistol

2nd Place

1st Place

3 Chances to Win

Ruger LCP 380 cal, 2 1/4" barrel MSRP \$345

3rd Place



Great for Conceal Carry

Drawing to be held June 1st at 1 pm at the Ninilchik Senior Center, during the <u>Gun Show</u> (May 31-June 1, 2025) State of Alaska Gaming Permit #874



APRIL DUGOUT NEWS

With tax season upon us and stress amounts higher than usual I saw this information in a Dr. Office and thought it would be helpful. Always check with your Dr. before trying new things!

Feeling Tired Banana **Poor Digestion** Ginger Low Immunity Oranges Skin Problems Cucumber Weak Bones Kale **Trouble Focusing** Walnuts Heart Health Avocado **Muscle Cramps Beets Diabetes Pumpkin seeds Tomatoes** Weak Lungs **Blueberries Memory Boost** Liver Detox Broccoli Eyes Carrots Hydration Watermelon Garlic **Blood Pressure** Poor Sleep Kiwi Pineapple Bloating

Superfood For Your Problem:

Have a great Spring and I'm off to my last couple of Spring Training Baseball games.

As Always,

KEEP SWINGING FOR THE FENCES!!

Cheryl

The Gazebo News

Spring is here! Thoughts of the Gazebo opening are in the air.

We plan to open the Gazebo sometime in May! Depending on the weather and volunteer availability.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at (907) 567-3988.

We are gratefully accepting donation for the Gazebo, however, please hold off on clothing donations for the time being. We have a lot of clothes right now.

We are looking forward to another season at the Gazebo. Thank you to all who donate.

Thank you to all our volunteers.



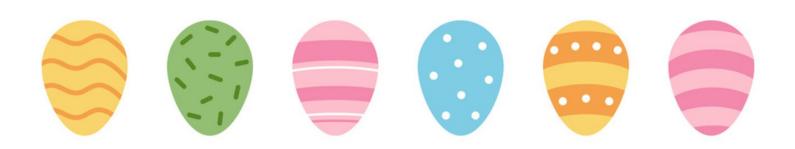
National Volunteer Week

April 20-26, 2025

Thank you so very much to all our volunteers! We are so fortunate to have all our wonderful volunteers.

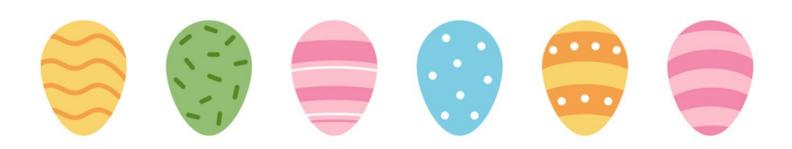
Ninilchik Senior Center is blessed with our volunteers.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Happy Easter! April 20, 2025





<u>April</u>

April birth month symbols are all about freshness.

Daisy, the April birth flower, represents innocence and purity,



while the diamond birthstone symbolizes fearlessness and faithfulness.



Aries and Taurus stand as the month's zodiac guardians, bringing ambition and persistence to those born during this month.

March 29- April 19



April 20–May 20



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

<u>Progressive Split the Pot Raffle Rules:</u>

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.

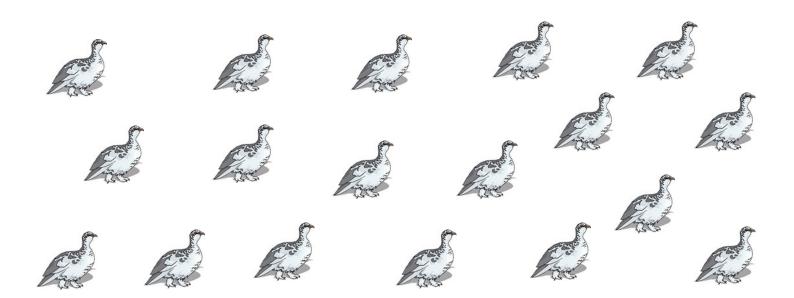
<u> 16 cards</u>

(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







Flowers

Find and circle all of the flowers that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message - a quotation from *Romeo and Juliet*.





ALSTROEMERIA AMARYLLIS ANTHURIUM ASTER BABY'S BREATH BELL FLOWER BIRD OF PARADISE BOUVARDIA CALLA CARNATION CHRYSANTHEMUM CLEMATIS CORNFLOWER DAFFODIL DAISY DELPHINIUM FORGET-ME-NOT FOXGLOVE FREESIA FUCHSIA GERANIUM GERBERA GINGER GLADIOLUS GOLDEN ROD HEATHER HOLLYHOCKS HYACINTH HYDRANGEA IRIS LAVENDER LILAC LILY LISIANTHUS MARIGOLD ORCHID PANSY PEONY PETUNIA ROSE SNAPDRAGON STATICE STOCK SUNFLOWER TULIP VIOLET YARROW





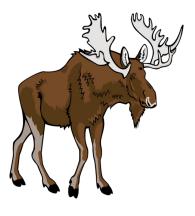




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- 1. Name the sea that borders the Arctic Coastline.
- 2. True/False All room and board was provided the workers of the Alaska pipeline for "free".
- 3. How much do brown bear cubs weigh at birth?
- 4. What are "Sitka Slippers"?
- 5. What were the Perseverance, Treadwell and Alaska Juneau in the early 1900's?
- 6. What are the unseasonally warm winds that cause thawing in the middle of winter?
- 7. What types of reptiles are indigenous to Alaska?
- 8. Before the jet airport was built in Ketchikan, how did air travelers get to Ketchikan?
- 9. Alaska's native people are from what three distinct groups?
- 10.Why was the Valdez chosen as the terminal for the Alaska Pipeline?

11.True/False There are two "races" of bald eagles.



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 - 6. Chinook Winds
- 4. Heavy duty rubber boots(the shoe of southeastern)5. Gold Mines
- 4. Heavy duty rubber boots
 - 3. 12 ounces
 - 2. True
 - 1. Beaufort Sea

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Free Printable Crossword Puzzle #3

This is the Daily Crossword Puzzle #3 for Mar 20, 2025



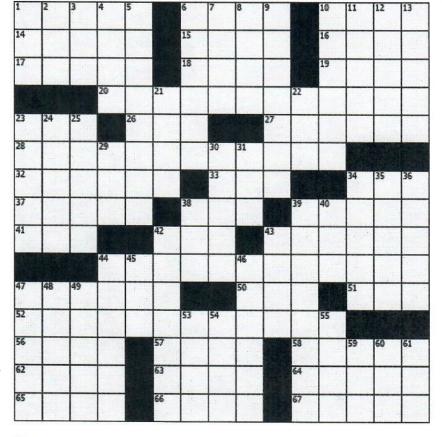
- 1. Change at the Louvre?
- 6. Debtor's worry
- 10. Go with the flow?
- 14. Rubbish
- 15. Marmaduke peer
- 16. Humorist Bombeck
- 17. The Beatles had a white one
- 18. MVP slugger of 1998
- 19. Campus list keeper
- 20. Hands-on communication?
- 23. Nov. ballot designation
- 26. Mr. Baba
- 27. Entrance requirement, often
- 28. Summer treat
- 32. Stew-like dish
- **33**. Spring addressee, for short
- 34. Secured
- 37. Beseech
- 38. Word with light or line
- **39.** Word in some winter forecasts
- 41. Conciliatory response
- 42. "The Purloined Letter" writer
- 43. Tackiness
- 44. Brush-off
- 47. Antithesis of surfeit
- 50. Language suffix
- 51. Sci-fi phenomenon
- 52. Overall measure of wealth
- 56. Auto industry pioneer
- 57. Miner's path
- 58. Targets of some sprays
- 62. Large seaweed
- 63. Las Vegas alternative
- 64. Winning
- 65. Correspondent's kisses
- 66. Solar cycle
- 67. Sharply dressed

- Down
- 1. Zeta-theta connection
- Techie's address
- 3. Kid
- 4. Beethoven's ninth, e.g.
- 5. Not quite Saharan
 6. Part of the Balkan
- Peninsula
- 7. Temple outcast
- 8. Presley progeny
- 9. Sheds
- 10. Turn on the charm
- **11**. Cause to happen, as havoc
- Corporate concern
- 13. Frenchman who made
- quite an impression
- 21. Joy

- **22**. Card game named for a drink
- 23. Hardly sensible
- 24. Nice school?
- 25. Apportions (with "out")
- 29. Spreadsheet pro
- 30. Stage props
- 31. Tear up
- 34. Woodsy retreat
- 35. Seeps
- 36. Nerd's cousin
- 38. Lawn planting
- **39**. Rodgers and Hart song
- 40. Japanese delicacy
- **42**. All-inclusive, as a meeting

- 43. Middlin'
- 44. Crunchy snacks
- 45. Reproductive cells
- 46. Boss around
- 47. It may be secondhand
- 48. E-mail ancestor
- 49. Confuse
- 53. --- fixe
- 54. Early Atlantic crosser
- 55. Purviance or Ferber
- 59. Hall of Famer Mel
- 60. Hogwash!
- 61. Security threat









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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!

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Puzzle Answers





Carole Lund 4/1 Arnold Mason 4/2 Ken Carlson 4/2 Val Christensen 4/3 Martesue Chapman 4/7 Jim Hickel 4/9 Bob Self 4/10 Steve Stewart 4/13 Monica Vanek 4/13 Julie Wasser 4/16 Kathy Syska 4/18 Ed Harper 4/19 Tandy Wallace 4/20 Teri Reid 4/20

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\$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.

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.

Board of Directors

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Staff

Executive Director: Julie Otto Adm. Assist/Bookkeeper: Tandy Wallace Cook: Casey Campbell Cook/Maintenance: Rick Ferguson Kitchen Assist./Homemaker: Niki Keenan Trans. Driver: Sharon Wheeler

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.

If you shop at Fred Meyer, please consider linking your Rewards Card to donate to the center. Fred Meyer will donate money to the center whenever you make purchases; this will not affect the personal rewards associated with your account. Sign up online at: <u>https://www.fredmeyer.com/</u> <u>topic/community-rewards-4</u>

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Thank you!!!

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April 2025 Menu

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	I	Bingo @ 1:15 2	3	4	Information 5
	Sloppy Joes Sweet Potato	Chicken Cordon Bleu Pasta	Cheese/Hamburger Potatoes	<u>Frittata</u> Sausaae	Soup served daily
	Fries	Cauliflower	Jell-O	Potatoes	with pick up meals
	Broccoli	Bread		Blueberry Bread Pudding	
	8	Bingo (a) 1:15 9	10	II	12
	Country Pork Ribs	Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes	BBQ Beef Burrito Rice	Biscuits & Gravy Sausage	Suggested Donation \$8.00 Members \$12.00 Guests
-	Kidney Beans	Gravy	Mexi-Corn	Hash Browns	To-Go Soup \$1.00
	Coleslaw Cornbread	Carrots Bread		Fruit	dan ind
	15	Bingo @ 1:15 16	Board Meeting 17	18	19
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Ma	Macaroni Salad	Gravy	Rice	Stuffing	3
		Cabbage Bread	Eggroll		
	22	Bingo @ 1:15 23	24	25	26
	<u>Monterey</u> Chicken	Crispy Pork Cutlet	Turkey Mashed Potatoes	Lasagna Garlic Bread	Lunch starts right at noon
	Rice	Apple Sauce Cauliflower	Gravy Stuffing	Mixed Veggies	
		Yams Bread	Cranberry Sauce Green Beans	*	
	29	Bingo @ 1:15 30			
Spo	Florentine Spaghetti Bake Brood	Crispy Chicken Waffles	>		APRIL
	Carrots	Green Beans		65	

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