



President's Corner & Director's Message

President's Corner

Hope you had a happy Thanksgiving! It is a wonderful opportunity to take time to be appreciative of the blessings we have had in our lives despite our challenges.

We are moving into our very busy Christmas holiday season. Please pay attention to the Center's calendar for activities and also for dates when the Center will be closed. Our monthly December Board of Director's meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 1pm. Our Annual Meeting for Members and election of Board members will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 1pm. Please attend and vote for your Board. Also, please consider running for the Board yourself. It is a two year term. We are always looking for people whose life experiences can be helpful to the Board. Please see John for details.

The Board of Directors has established a new standing committee: Facilities Maintenance. Joe Ross is the Chair of this new committee. This committee will provide guidance for transportation and building maintenance issues. We are looking for people who have maintenance experience of all kinds to help John to make the best possible decisions for the Center. Please talk to Joe Ross about the committee.

The Center is holding our Christmas Raffle: 1st Prize, 1/2 of a Cow, 2nd Prize, a beautiful Christmas Quilt. The drawing for the Christmas Raffle will be December 17th, 2025. Tickets are \$20 each. It just so happens that I have tickets to sell! Call me at 907-690-1308 if you need tickets.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Wayne Ogle
907-690-1308

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays everybody! The much needed vacation I took last month was wonderful, but I am glad to be home. Of course I came home to snow, but that was kind of nice too. Be safe and stay warm out there. Remember that cleats weather is upon us. Make sure you are wearing yours and please remember to take them off when you come into the Center.

Lots of exciting things coming up this month, including our craft bazaar, Christmas community meal and the return of our game hunt series. This year is a reindeer hunt, with a special guest reindeer. We are looking for the temporary loan of some plain Christmas trees to use this day, so if you have an extra one lying around, please let us know!

Don't forget that next month is our annual membership meeting and Board of Directors elections. We do have proposed bylaws changes to vote on as well. These will be posted on our website and paper copies will be available at the Center.

John



Center Hours:
Monday through
Thursday
8 am to 4 pm
Friday 8 am to 2 pm
907.776.7654

visit our
website!

www.NikiskiSeniorCenter.org



Members Running For Senior Center Board



~ **Joe Ross**

I have enjoyed serving on the board for NSC for several years now. I have a lot of experience to continue to share here as a board member including over 30 years as a local business owner. I like to hunt and fish.

Michael Newcomb~

I have lived in Alaska for 56 years. I am 71 years old. I like dogs and I have two dogs of my own. The reason I would like to be a board member is I worked out of town all these years and this is my way to give back to the community.



~**Brian Poziembo**

In April 2022, I retired as a mechanic from the elevator industry after 35 years in Hawaii. My wife and I moved to Nikiski and built our home on Island Lake.

I am a Veteran of the Marine Corps, Marine Reserve and the Army National Guard. I've served on the Boards of both my church and the school where my children attended. Since retiring, I enjoy being active in the Alaska Republican Party, fishing and enjoying life in Alaska.

I look forward to helping the Senior Center grow and continue to be an essential part of the community.





~ Wayne Ogle

Wayne has been an Alaskan resident since 2004. He retired from the Coast Guard after 28 years of service. He was the Public Works Director for Bethel and Kenai. And also worked in the offshore oil industry in Houston for 10 years building floating production platforms. He represented Nikiski on the Borough Assembly for 6 years, two serving as president. He enjoys traveling, fishing, reading, plays & music and trying new foods.

Marie Fitts~

After 30 years in Multicultural Ministry, I retired to Alaska in 2014. Nikiski Senior Center has become home to me. I look forward to supporting the programs, vision and purpose of the Center.



~Shawn Webb

Shawn and his wife Amber have resided in Nikiski for 8 years, splitting time between here and Dallas, Texas. He is a combat veteran who served in the United States Air Force for 13 years, retiring following injuries in the line of duty. Following his military career, he attended law school and later served as an attorney for multiple federal agencies, including the FAA, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security. He is currently in private practice specializing in the area of federal law, with special emphasis on employment, anti-discrimination, and immigration law. Additionally, he provides small business consulting services in human resources areas. In addition to his Juris Doctor (JD) degree, Shawn holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in History, Master of Business Administration (MBA) with emphasis in Human Relations, as well as Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance.

Shawn has previous experience in board membership, including serving as President of the Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition, as well as multiple positions on local Home Owners Associations. Select career accomplishments include serving as a refugee/asylum adjudicator for the Department of Homeland Security in multiple refugee camps throughout Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Additionally, Shawn assisted in drafting the Constitution of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma, as well as serving as an adjunct Supreme Court Judge to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

In his spare time, Shawn enjoys traveling, fishing, and spending time with his three daughters and dog, Willow.





Board Meeting

NSC Board Meeting

1/7/2026

@ 1:00 pm

Annual Membership Meeting

1/28/26

@1:00 pm

If you are interested in what the Center is doing, please join us at the monthly Board of Directors meeting.

Nikiski Senior Service Area Board

1/28/2026

4:00PM

KENAI PENINSULA FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

DECEMBER

SUPPORT GROUPS & TRAININGS

3

DECEMBER

KENAI SENIOR CENTER 2-3:30PM
"STRONGER TOGETHER"
LED BY RACHAEL CRAIG

4

DECEMBER

HOSPICE OF HOMER 2-3PM
SUPPORT GROUP

5

DECEMBER

TYOTKAS ELDER CENTER 10:30-11:30AM
SUPPORT GROUP

8

DECEMBER

SOLDOTNA LIBRARY 1-2PM
SUPPORT GROUP

18

DECEMBER

STERLING SENIOR CENTER 1-2PM
SUPPORT GROUP

30

DECEMBER

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER 12:30-1:30PM
WILLS & PROBATES
LED BY SUSIE CHMIELOWIEC



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'TIS THE SEASON

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Member Perks



Local Discounts



Get Your Membership Card

Lifetime Members who update their membership information or new 2026 lifetime members will be entered into a prize drawing.

The Prize drawing will be held February 1st 2026.

Both annual and lifetime membership applications are at the front desk. The annual membership is \$25 per person, and the lifetime membership is \$125 per person or \$200 per couple.

SIGN UP NOW



Congratulations to Jim and Katie who recently got married!



Christmas Gnomes are flooding the Senior Center. Can you find them all? When you do

Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program Presents....

WILLS & PROBATES PRESENTATION

December 30 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Understanding Wills & Probates

We're pleased to welcome Attorney Susie Chmielowiec to the **Nikiski Senior Center** for a helpful, easy-to-understand talk about planning for the future.

No legal advice—just clear information to help you make confident choices.
Everyone is welcome!







Can You find me?



Hidden in this newsletter is Alfred the tree. If you find him (not this one here), let the front desk know where you saw him, and enter the free lunch drawing.

Congratulations to Mark Will who won last month's drawing.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

9:00 am to
10:30 am
or
12:30 pm to
1:30 pm



Qualified seniors can shop from the NSC Pantry every two weeks for supplemental food items such as but not limited to:

- Hamburger
- Chicken
- Pork
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Lunch items
- Breakfast items
- Boxed meals
- Hygiene items
- & more

December's Birthday

Trish Roderick	Dec 01	LaDonna Ross	Dec 14
Tommey Garber	Dec 02	Diana Damitz	Dec 16
Bruce Aitken	Dec 03	Jeff Jones	Dec 16
Barbara Dahl	Dec 03	Barbara Druesedow	Dec 17
Greg Fisher	Dec 03	Mary Jackson	Dec 17
Paul Felton	Dec 05	Ria Fandel	Dec 18
Sharon Fisher	Dec 05	Richard W. Heath Sr	Dec 18
Rozanne Timbes	Dec 05	Norma Thornton	Dec 18
Becky Baker	Dec 06	Cynthia Ramos	Dec 18
Roxana Martinez	Dec 07	Dorekay Harman	Dec 19
Amy Whinston	Dec 07	Joan Kirkham	Dec 19
Aurora Graves	Dec 08	Diana Wray	Dec 19
Hoa Le	Dec 10	Janice Jones	Dec 20
Steve Geertz	Dec 11	Jim Hudson	Dec 20
Eula Miller	Dec 11	Lora Stuart	Dec 21
Daneen Zimmer	Dec 11	Paul Tippetts	Dec 24
Sherry Choat	Dec 11	Robert Carew	Dec 25
Paul Felton	Dec 12	Rebecca Bakk	Dec 26
Judy Johnson	Dec 12	Mike Nappier	Dec 27
Peter Ribbens	Dec 12	Boyle Debbie	Dec 29
King Titera	Dec 13	Randy Stiedl	Dec 29
Paula Zimmerman	Dec 13	Marie McCarthy	Dec 31

Christmas Time

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STOCKINGS
PRESENTS
NATIVITY
TREE
LIGHTS
CAROLS
FAMILY
DINNER
PARTIES
ANGEL
FIREPLACE
PLAYS
CONCERTS
ELVES
REINDEER
CANDY
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CHEER
BELLS
MERRY
STAR

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Proud Sponsor
of the
Food Pantry
2025!



December Arts & Crafts



December 3rd
Holiday Cards



December 10th
Ornaments



December 17th
Christmas Gnomes



31st
Pinecone
Centerpieces

No Class December 24th



Halloween Fun



Thanksgiving Community Lunch

92 People Attended.





The Brunch Bunch went to Carla's Café on Veterans Day. Several ladies agree that it is one of their favorite places to go. The food is amazing and the service is incredible. We all would recommend everyone go to Carla's at least once.

Our Kickoff Bingo event was November 15th. We changed the prize format this year, with \$50 minimum prizes for all games.

We had 38 people participate. We all had a great time.

Our next Bingo will be on January 3rd, 2026 with a Special New Year Bingo, with hors d'oeuvres and a special raffle prize, \$35 will be the entry fee.



Holidays Notices

Free Community Meal

To celebrate Christmas

December 17th

11:30am-1:00pm

Limited Seating Please RSVP!

We will be closed December 24th, 25th & 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday



Christmas Comes To Nikiski !

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER
CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW
DECEMBER 6&7
10 AM - 5 PM



Fun Kids Activities

Vendors Booths

Pictures With Santa

Hot Food To Eat

T-Shirt Decorating

Christmas Music

Come Join
In The Fun!



'TIS THE Season Of Giving

The Nikiski Senior Center is collecting mittens, hats & other winter accessories for the "Nikiski Neighbors" to give to children in the community. Donations can be dropped off until 12/16/24. Thank You!



The Nikiski Senior Center will be handing out soup bowl cozies to seniors in our community, and we need your help filling them! Small items such as chap stick, soup envelopes, wrapped candy, a comb/hairbrush, toothbrush/toothpaste, pens, and any other items you think would make good soup bowl cozy stuffers! Donations can be dropped off until 12/16/24. Thank You!



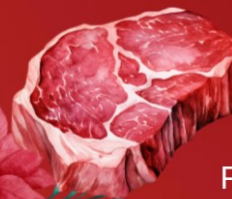
CHRISTMAS Raffle

1st Prize is ½ a Beef
Provided BY 4T% Ranch
Processed By AK Meat Packers
2nd Prize is a Christmas Quilt
Made By Myrna Dyer

Drawing will be held December 17, 2025

\$20 per ticket. Only 500 tickets sold

Call 907-776-7654 or visit the Nikiski Senior Center to get your ticket!



Permit # 1489



What's Happening

Nail Care Clinic December 15th



Sign up at the front desk or call to
make an appointment.



CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

ALL DAY
FRIDAY

DECEMBER 12TH

For Deep Cleaning



2021 Keystone Travel Trailer

\$25,000 OBO

Contact Randy Stiedl

360-356-5740

360-356-6733

For more information



Special Back Window Upgraded Suspension System
Sumo Springs
CRE 3000

Volunteers needed

- Drink Station
- Transportation

If you can help with any of
these areas, please let
John Walker know.



Christmas

GREETING CARD WORKSHOP

Tuesday, December 2 & 9th.

From 10 am to 11:30 am



2026



New Years Bingo Party!

WHAT: NEW YEARS BINGO

WHERE: NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2026

3-6 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 2 PM)

**COST: \$35 PP - INCLUDES 1 EA BINGO
PACKET, APPETIZERS & BEVERAGES
(NON-ALCOHOLIC)**

DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE



Anything Yarn or String

Tuesdays

1:00-3:00 PM

**Bring your yarn, needles
or we have supplies too!**

**Can help teach you how to crochet,
knit or kumihimo.**



Event Calendar

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER
Event Calendar
December 2025



Event schedules can change so check back with Facebook , NSC Website or Call the Center at 907-776-7654 to stay up to date or sign up for an event.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Silver & Fit 10– 11 am	2 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yarn 1:00– 3:00 pm Holiday Card Workshop 10:00-11:30 am	3 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Class Holiday Cards Class 1-3 pm	4 Silver & Fit 10-11 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1 pm	5	6 Christmas Craft Show 10:00 am-5:00 pm
7 Christmas Craft Show 10:00 am-5:00 pm	8 Silver & Fit 10– 11 am	9 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yarn 1:00– 3:00 pm Holiday Card Workshop 10:00-11:30 am	10 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Class Ornaments 1-3 pm	11 Silver & Fit 10-11 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1 pm \\	12 Center Closed For Deep Cleaning Lights Field Trip	13
14 Lights Field Trip	15 Silver & Fit 10– 11 am Nail Care Clinic 9 am—2 pm	16 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yarn 1:00– 3:00 pm	17 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Christmas Gnomes 1-3 pm Christmas Community Dinner	18 Silver & Fit 10-11 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1 pm	19 Great Reindeer Hunt 10:30 am	20
21	22 Silver & Fit 10– 11 am	23 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yarn 1:00– 3:00 pm	24 Center Closed For Christmas Holiday	25 Center Closed For Christmas Holiday	26 Center Closed For Christmas Holiday	27
28	29 Silver & Fit 10– 11 am	30 Sewing Group 12:30– 3:00 pm Anything Yarn 1:00– 3:00 pm KPCGSP Caregiver Support Group 12:30– 1:30	31 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Class Pinecone Centerpiece 1-3 pm			

Lunch Menu

NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER

Lunch Menu

December 2025



*Entrée or Just Salad only is \$7 .
Entrees, Salad Bar and Soup is \$10.
ALL AGES are welcome to eat.
Menu is subject to change .*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Meatball Subs Waffle Fries Dessert	2 Shrimp Tacos Cilantro/Lime Rice Dessert	3 BBQ Chicken Beans Corn Corn Bread Sweet Potatoes	4 Shepherd's Pie Dessert	5 Smash Burgers Onion Rings Dessert
8 Stuffed Peppers Brown Rice Dessert	9 Carnitas Rice Beans Dessert	10 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Veggies Dessert	11 Beef Stew W/ Veggies Fresh Bread Dessert	12 CLOSED FOR DEEP CLEANING
15 Spaghetti W/Meat sauce Garlic Roll Mixed Veggies Dessert	16 Ground Beef Tacos Beans Rice Dessert	17 Christmas Community Dinner Ham Mashed Potatoes Veggies Bread Dessert	18 Shrimp Alfredo Fresh Bread Veggies Dessert	19 BLT French Fries Dessert
22 Sausage Biscuits W/Gravy Eggs Dessert	23 Grilled Ham Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Jo Jos Dessert	24 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	26 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
29 Vegetable Coconut Thai Curry Rice Dessert	30 Pulled Pork Sandwich Coleslaw Fries Dessert	31 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Veggies Dessert		

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO EAT.
TO GO lunches need to be called in by
10 and picked up 12:00 pm

Monday –Thursday
Salad Bar opens at 11:30 pm
Entrée opens at 12:00 pm
No Salad Bar on Friday. Entrée is 11:30 am

Activity Highlights

- Silver & Fit: **Mondays** AND **Thursdays** @ 10:00-11:00 am
- Sewing Class: **Tuesdays** @ 12:30-3:00 pm
- All things Yarn/Thread crafts @ 1:00 pm in Mezzanine
- Yoga (via zoom): **Wednesdays** @ 9:30-10:30 am
- Blood Pressure checks: **Wednesdays** by Nikiski Fire Dept., when available
- Arts & Craft: **Wednesdays** @ 1:00-3:00 pm
- Pinochle: **Thursdays** @ 12:30-4:00 pm
- Bible Study: **Thursdays** @ 1:00-2:00 pm

DECEMBER

- **6th & 7th NSC Christmas Craft Show**
- **12th Center Closed For Deep Cleaning**
- **15th Nail Care Clinic**
- **17th Christmas Community Dinner**
- **19th Reindeer Hunt**
- **24-26th Center is closed for Christmas**

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To:

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE