



## President's Corner & Director's Message

### President's Corner

To all,

I hope you have had a very Merry Christmas! It's my favorite time of year where we can share the joy of what Christmas means with family and friends. And of course, we are also celebrating the arrival of a New Year. This is a good opportunity to reflect on the things we would like to get done in the coming year and plan on how to accomplish it.

And of course, our Senior Center will be very busy with activities to serve our members. We will have our normally scheduled December Board Meeting on January 7th at 1 pm. We had rescheduled the meeting due to the holidays. Additionally, we will hold our annual Nikiski Senior Center Member's meeting on January 28 at 1 pm. At this meeting we will vote for new Board of Director members and also consider changes to the Nikiski Senior Center By-Laws and receive a status briefing on the Senior Center for the past and coming year. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, you can participate in the election by an absentee ballot. Please make arrangements with John. So please join us at our annual Members Meeting and help us make the Senior Center even better!

We have formed a Facilities Maintenance committee to help advise our Executive Director deal with building and grounds maintenance issues that we routinely face. We know there are members who have expertise in construction and maintenance who would be very helpful in making the right choices for our Senior Center. Joe Ross is the chair of this committee. Please see Joe if you can help.

Finally, please feel free to let John or me or any Board member know about any suggestions on how to improve our Center. We will make every effort to improve our services wherever it is possible.

Happy New Year,

Wayne Ogle

907-690-1308

### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings on a cold wintery day! Wayne pretty well covered it above. Check out the upcoming activities in this month's newsletter. Our new format for bingo went over very well so we are excited to see even more people this month, 3 sessions! Our Reindeer Hunt was another fun filled day, raising \$100 for senior services. We are always looking for new ideas for activities and fundraisers, so raise your voices up! See you at the annual member meeting at the end of the month!

*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](http://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.

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.

**Michael Newcomb~**



~**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, to include the FAA, United States Department of Justice, and United States 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 consulting services to small businesses in the area human resources. 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, to include serving as President of the Oklahoma Native American Domestic Violence Coalition, as well as multiple positions on local Home Owners Associations (HOA). Select career accomplishments include serving as a refugee/asylum adjudicator for the United States 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

01/07/2026

@ 1:00 pm

### Annual Members Meeting

01/28/2026

@ 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

## JANUARY

### SUPPORT GROUPS & TRAININGS

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JANUARY

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

7

JANUARY

**KENAI SENIOR CENTER**  
"STRONGER TOGETHER" BY RACHAEL CRAIG  
SUPPORT GROUP 2-3:30PM

12

JANUARY

**SOLDOTNA LIBRARY**  
SUPPORT GROUP 1-2PM

13

JANUARY

**HOSPICE OF HOMER**  
SUPPORT GROUP 12-1PM

15

JANUARY

**STERLING SENIOR CENTER**  
SUPPORT GROUP 1-2PM

27

JANUARY

**NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER**  
LUNCHEON WITH LIBBY DAVIS 12:30-1:30



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Facebook!

**Trust**  
Alaska Mental Health  
Trust Authority

2026

Congratulations to the Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program. They received a grant from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to help fund their caregiver program.

**Trust**  
Alaska Mental Health  
Trust Authority



# LUNCHEON WITH LIBBY DAVIS

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**



Enjoy lunch with Libby Davis while attending an informational presentation designed to address expectations and challenges in caring for a loved one with dementia or other illnesses.

**NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER  
50025 LAKE MARIE AVE. KENAI, AK**

**JANUARY  
27TH**

**12:30-  
1:30PM**

**LIBBY  
DAVIS**

**INFORMATIONAL  
PRESENTATION**

**Trust**  
Alaska Mental Health  
Trust Authority

## 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 Bill Kanour  
who won last month's drawing.**



**127 community members  
attended our Christmas  
Community Dinner. Jonathan  
did a fabulous job creating a  
tasty meal for everyone.**



## 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

# January's Birthday

Robert O'Connell	Jan 02	Karen Taylor	Jan 16
Janet Hudson	Jan 03	Marcie Curry	Jan 16
Janice Carlton	Jan 05	Wanna Kane	Jan 18
James Chandler	Jan 05	Andrea Lane	Jan 18
John Ragan	Jan 05	Eunice Witalec	Jan 19
Margie Dempster	Jan 05	Russel Griffith	Jan 21
Lynnie Randolph	Jan 08	Taylor, Juliana	Jan 21
Jeff Williams	Jan 08	Janet McDonald	Jan 23
Elizabeth McKee	Jan 09	Mary Anne Cowgill	Jan 24
Wenda Kennedy	Jan 10	Sue Coup	Jan 25
Ray Nickelson	Jan 10	Tom Johnson	Jan 25
Barbara Mulchaey	Jan 10	Beverly Nierstheimer	Jan 25
Catherine Aluska	Jan 11	Loretta Eaton	Jan 26
Deborah Hayes	Jan 13	Lyndon Manser	Jan 26
Jennifer Wells	Jan 13	Cheryl Knudsen	Jan 27
Michele Hartline	Jan 14	Kathy Grimm,	Jan 29
Leanne King	Jan 14	James Darby	Jan 29
Donald Slaughter	Jan 14	Jenne Long	Jan 30
John Moore	Jan 15	Leah Nyberg	Jan 31

## January

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MIDNIGHT  
DANCING  
RESOLUTIONS



## Important Announcements

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)



Next Nail Care Clinic is February 9th, 2026. See front desk to make an appointment.

## NOTICE



### THE NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2026, AT 1:00 PM**

### ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AT 1:00 PM**

**VOTING ON BOARD MEMBERS**

**AND BY-LAWS CHANGES**

**MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



# What's Happening

A graphic with a warm, golden bokeh background and falling confetti. It features a large '2026' in gold, a 'HAPPY NEW YEAR!' balloon, and details for a New Year's Bingo Party at the Nikiski Senior Center on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026.

**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**

A graphic with a background of an American flag's stars and stripes. The text, in orange and black, announces a Quilts of Valor Presentation on January 14th during lunch.

**Quilts of Valor  
Presentation**  
**January 14th  
During Lunch**

A graphic with a brown, textured background. The text, in a brown script and bold font, says 'Volunteers needed' with heart symbols. Below is a list of needed tasks and contact information.

**Volunteers  
needed**  
• Drink Station  
• Transportation  
If you can help with any of  
these areas, please let  
John Walker know.





# ***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.**



# **Puzzle Competition January 27 th 2026**

To celebrate National Puzzle Day, we are holding a friendly puzzle competition. If you are interested, you can sign up for a time slot at the front desk. The winner will be announced during lunch on National Puzzle Day, January 29th. The winner will win a trophy.

## **Regular Style Bingo's Schedule**

**January 17th & 31st, 2026**

**Doors open at 2 pm**

**Games start at 3 pm**

**\$25 per packet**

**Potluck style, so bring a  
dish and bring a friend**



## **January Arts & Crafts**



**January 7 th  
Cards**



**January 14 th  
Denim Gnome**



**January 21 st  
Diamond Art  
Bookmarks**



**January 28 th  
Sashay Scarves**



# Event Calendar

## NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER

### Event Calendar

January 2026



*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 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	2	3 New Years Bingo Doors Open 2:00 pm Games Start 3:00 pm
4	5 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	6 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yam 1:00– 3:00 pm	7 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Card Class 1:00-3:00 pm NSC Board Meeting 1:00 pm	8 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	13 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yam 1:00– 3:00 pm	14 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Denim Gnome 1:00-3:00 pm Quilts Of Valor Presentation	15 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	16	17 Regular Bingo Doors Open 2:00 pm Games Start 3:00 pm
18	19 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	20 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Anything Yam 1:00– 3:00 pm	21 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Diamond Art Book Marks 1:00-3:00 pm	22 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	23	24
25	26 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	27 Sewing Group 12:30– 3:00pm Puzzle Competition All Day KPFCSG Support Group: Lunch With Libby 12:30– 1:30	28 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Class Sashay Scarves 1:00-3:00 pm NSC Members Meeting 1:00 pm	29 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	30	31 Regular Bingo Doors Open 2:00 pm Games Start 3:00 pm



# Lunch Menu

**NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER**

**Lunch Menu**

**January 2026**



*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 <b>CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS. Happy 2026!</b>	2 Hot Pastrami Sandwich Fries Dessert
5 Vegetable Coconut Thai Curry Rice Dessert	6 Lasagna Veggies Dessert	7 Orange Chicken Rice Sesame Seed Broccoli Dessert	8 Ribs Baked Potato Veggies Corn Bread Dessert	9 Smash Burger Onion Rings Dessert
12 Spaghetti W/Meat sauce Fresh Bread Veggies Dessert	13 Carnitas Rice Beans Veggies Dessert	14 Fried Chicken Mash Potatoes Gravy Veggies Dessert	15 Stew W/ Veggies Fresh Bread Dessert	16 Meatball Subs Fries Dessert
19 Korean Beef Rice Bowl Cabbage Carrots Dessert	20 Pulled Pork Sandwich Coleslaw Fries Dessert	21 BBQ Chicken Sweet Potato Cornbread Dessert	22 Pizza Bacon Mac N Cheese Veggies Dessert	23 BLT Fries Dessert
26 Sausage Biscuits W/Gravy Eggs Dessert	27 Ground Beef Tacos Rice/ Beans Veggies Dessert	28 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Veggies Dessert	29 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Peas/ Carrots Dessert	30 Smash Burger Onion Rings 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**
- Thread/Yarn crafts: **Tuesdays @ 1:00pm-3:00pm**
- 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**

### **January**

- **1st NSC Closed For New Years**
- **7th NSC Board Meeting**
- **14th Quilt Of Valor Presentation**
- **27th Puzzle Competition**
- **28th Annual Members Meeting & Nikiski Service Area Board Meeting**

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To:

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE