



Office & Gift Shop Hours: Monday - Friday 11am - 3pm

Santa's Senior Center



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 **April 2026 - Volume IV** 

From the President...

Hello all. As you have heard, I have been dealing with kidney failure for the last few months. It seems I have a very rare condition it which my body is making a deformed protein that is blocking my kidneys from working normally. The kidney doctors in Anchorage diagnosed me and have been talking with the Mayo clinic and NYU and the treatment is chemotherapy to kill the defective protein that is blocking the kidney function. I will be going through this for the next four months. The doctors say I have an 87 percent chance of this working. But no matter; I still need to do this to qualify for a kidney transplant. At some point I will be looking for a donor, if my function does not come back. Thanks for bearing with me and supporting Ruthie and Cora for covering for me .

Your President,
Joseph Gelinas

As the new year begins, so does the membership at Santa's Senior Center. After your first year, membership fees are due at the beginning of each year. Membership fees are \$30 for individuals and \$40 for a couple, per year. Your contributions and participation at the center are very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you throughout the coming year.

Santa's Senior Center Corporation Inc.
 101 E. 5th Avenue
 North Pole, Alaska 99705

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Our mission is to create inviting and enjoyable programs that encourage older adults to utilize their skills, develop their potential, and remain engaged in the community.

Santa's Senior Center Corporation, Inc. 2025 Board of Directors:

Joe Gelinas (2026)	907-347-1774
Ruthie Sevy (2026)	907-322-6433
Lamie Ellsworth (2026)	503-568-9666
Cora Williams (2027)	907-388-3577
Tammie Wilson (2027)	907-590-7602
Patty Belcher (2027)	916-996-6462
Kathy Hamby (2027)	907-799-1051



The Board of Directors Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting will be April 9th at 1pm.

The Meeting Minutes can be found on our website:

www.santaseniors.com

Highlights from the March Board Meeting:

- The Board is looking into having shades or blinds placed on the windows facing 5th Avenue. The sunlight coming through those windows can be quite bright. The Board is looking into the solution for the issue.
- The excess snow was removed by Down to Earth, the people who do our snowplowing. This will hopefully remove any problems with the parking lot and allow our members safe access to the Center.
- The Board is Looking for interested speakers to talk at the monthly Birthday luncheons. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with Ruthie Sevy or Cora Williams.
- The Board is looking into raising the cost of the Usage Fee charged to organization for using the Center.
- We are also looking forward to providing business memberships to local organizations and businesses. This hopefully would get more information out to the community about our organization as well as allowing local businesses a change to support us with our important mission.
- Sharon Corbett will be cooking Friday lunches if there are more than five people signed up. She reminded the Board that she will not be available during the summer and was looking for someone to step up to keep the Friday luncheons available.
- Speaking of luncheons, there are several local churches that have volunteered to help us host the monthly birthday luncheons. Please thank them for their wonderful offer to help the Senior Center. *Kathy Hamby*

March Birthday Lunch:

March Birthday's: (Lt to Rt)

Debbie Rodriguez

Carla Kimmel

Ida Rhines



March 50/50 Drawing Winner:

Diane Doody



March Trivia Winners: *Ellie Herrera, Sharon Geese, Lamie Ellsworth, Carlo Zanazzo*



March Free Lunch Winner:

Carlo Zanazzo



April

Birthdays:

Date: (* =80+ Yrs)

Date	First-Last Name
24	Agnes Beavers
23	Betty Maness
23	Betty Schleich *
7	Charlotte Yates *
16	Eleanor (Elly) Smith *
22	Ellie Herrera *
20	Jo Small *
3	Julie Doll
8	Leonard Jewkes
28	Michelle Vedder
7	Rick Sikma *
19	Sharron Hunter

Anniversaries:

Date: Years Married

Day	First-Last Name
1	Agnes Beavers
7	Jim Hunter
7	Marleyne Hunter



**Happy Birthday to all
members born in April !**

**Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday
of each month to celebrate birthdays.**

Lunch is \$10.

**If it's your birthday month,
lunch is on us!**

Birthday Lunch Menu:

Lasagna

by Ida Rhines

Guest Speaker:



Sunshine Committee:



The Sunshine Committee was formed to spread sunshine and greetings, as well as comfort and support when needed.

The Committee sends out birthday and anniversary cards each month. They also send cards when someone is sick, hurt or just down and out.

If you know someone who needs some cheer, please let one of the committee members know so they can send a card. The committee also visits and calls members to check up on them. If you would like to be a part of the Sunshine Committee, please contact Judi Hastings.

Committee Members:

Judi Hastings, Chairperson

Betty Schleich

Lamie Ellsworth

Lynda House



This And That From Seniors:

By Goldie Southwood -269 days until Christmas- 3/31/26

I have been away from the Senior Center and out of touch. Thus I am unable to report on the goings-on of most of our members.

I have heard that Irene Silvers has moved from Holiday Heights to the Pioneer's Home. Speaking of which, I hope all who wish to eventually join her there, will turn in their application to the Pioneer's Home. There is a waiting list. When Pat Arthur moved there, I turned in my own application for the future.

I have been out of commission since January due to a broken leg. Since I could not put weight on my left leg until the bone began to mend, I have been home bound. After three months, it has begun to grow enough to put 25% pressure on that foot and can start to use a walker. It is a slow process! I was blessed with my son Scott, who lives next door and helped me through the first 2 months of home care. Then his mother-in-law passed away and he had to fly to Virginia. Enter my son Carl who flew up from Arizona, where he is motor home travelling. He will be here until mid April, when Scott flies back home. So I am a lucky mother!

The "Stronger Memory" group has been postponed until the last Wednesday in May (5/27) at 1 p.m. Hopefully by then I can resume my regular schedule. I miss my time at the Center and hope to get back to Exercise, Lunches and Farkle games. We are thankful for family and friends...*Goldie*

Please call, text or e-mail, letting us know how you are doing. Call or text (907) 378-3624 or e-mail: goldtops@msn.com

1st 2026 Farkle Tournament

Our group picture of 4 years of the 7th Farkle tournament held at the Santa's Senior Center this past Monday, March 30th. Picture from left to right is 3rd place Debbie Rodriguez, 2nd place Cora Williams, and 1st place Virginia Bell. Congratulations winners in the first 2026 Farkle tournament. We play 3 games and based on the total of those games determines the winner, and we also recognize the player with the lowest total points, Richard Foytich, with the Red Lantern. Our second 2026 tournament is scheduled in the month of October. Come and join us if you can.



The Players...



April 2026

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[Please RSVP for Friday lunches by the Wednesday of that week]			1 2pm Bo
 5	6 10am Exercise 11:15am Exercise 12pm Potluck Lunch 12:30p Games: Farkle 1pm Games: Scrabble	7 10am Crafting 12pm Games Shanghai Rummy	8 1pm Boar
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26	27	28 10am Crafting 12pm Games Shanghai Rummy	2 1pm Stron Discussion <i>CANCEL</i>

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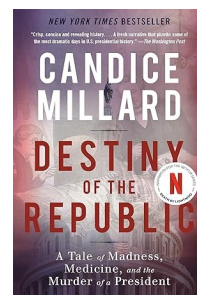
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Book Club	2	3 10am Exercise 11:15am Exercise 12pm Lunch 12:30p Games: Farkle 1pm Games: Scrabble	4 First Saturday BINGO CANCELLED Facility Use: Noon-2pm Church of Nazarene Easter Egg Decorating
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5 day Lunch	16 10am Crafting 5:30pm Alzheimer's Artlink	17 10am Exercise 11:15am Exercise 12pm Lunch 12:30p Games: Farkle 1pm Games: Scrabble	18 11am Chili Contest Bake Sale
2	23 10am Crafting 1:30p Mamie S Brown, LLC Talking Circle \	24 10am Exercise 11:15am Exercise 12pm Lunch 12:30p Games: Farkle 1pm Games: Scrabble	25
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BOOK CLUB



The Book Club meets at 2pm the first Wednesday of each month from September to May.

Apr. 1st: *The Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard

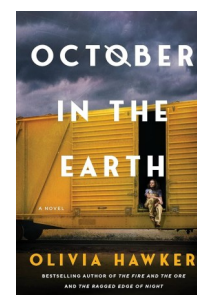


James Abram Garfield was one of the most extraordinary men ever elected president. Born into abject poverty, he rose to become a wunderkind scholar, a Civil War hero, a renowned congressman, and a reluctant presidential candidate who took on the nation's corrupt political establishment.

But four months after Garfield's inauguration in 1881, he was shot in the back by a deranged office-seeker named Charles Guiteau. Garfield survived the attack, but became the object of bitter, behind-the-scenes struggles for power—over his administration, over the nation's future, and, hauntingly, over his medical care.

Meticulously researched, epic in scope, and pulsating with an intimate human focus and high-velocity narrative drive, *The Destiny of the Republic* brings alive a forgotten chapter of U.S. history.

May 6th: *October in the Earth* by Olivia Hawker



Mrs. Wensley is a proper preacher's wife living in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1931. Life has always been hard in coal country but it became even more difficult after the Great Crash of 1929. Is it blasphemy that Adella questions her life in the largest home within 100 miles any direction, her difficulty becoming pregnant after 8 years of marriage, and her role as the preacher's wife? Is it wrong that she disagrees with him in how to respond to the homeless folks passing through?



Announcements:

...And Other Little Snippets of Interest

FCA (Fairbanks Concert Association):

Gross: April 11 (Sat)

Hering Auditorium (Lathrop HS)
Starts 7:30 pm; Box Office 6:30 pm; Will Call 6:30 pm
10 free tickets available—Signup in Meeting Room

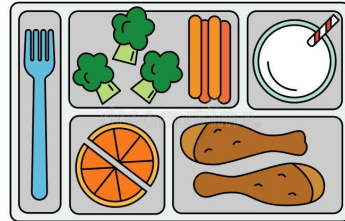
Pink Martini: April 17 (Fri)

Hering Auditorium (Lathrop HS)
Starts 7:30 pm; Box Office 6:30 pm; Will Call 6:30 pm
10 free tickets available—Signup in Meeting Room

For additional venue information, call (907) 474-8081 or see info@fairbanksconcert.org

FROM the KITCHEN: Lunches for 2026

Sharon Corbett will be cooking lunch the following Fridays in 2026, if there are at least **five** people signed up by the previous Wednesday. Signup sheet is on the front office bulletin board:



April 3, 10, 17, 24
May 1, 8

May 15 thru August 28: We either need **Friday Lunch volunteers** or the lunches can be Potluck Lunches.

As you can see by the days that I am cooking at the center, I am gone a lot in 2026. If someone is interested in doing the lunches, please let me know that you are interested, otherwise there will be no lunches the entire summer (May thru August 2026). Thanks for your interest and assistance. -Sharon Corbett

Recognition and thanks to this months Birthday crew: Cooks, prep, and serving volunteer staff

March Birthday Lunch Volunteers:

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Diane Jewkes



Pam Hughes

Thank You!



And Member Volunteer's:



Agnes Beavers



Richard Foytich



Doneva Cheeseman



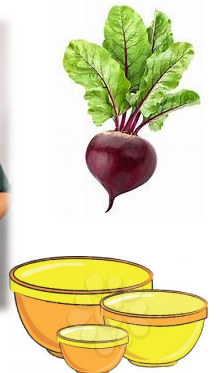
Rochelle Renner



Sharon Corbett



Ruthie Sevy



Recognition of our Exercise Classes



Christi Foytich—Taking the Lead



*Agness Beavers
Exercise Lead*



Some of the
Monday / Friday
Exercise Attendee's.



*Kris Tacheny
Parks & Rec
Exercise Lead*



Some of the Parks
& Rec Monday /
Friday Exercise
Attendee's.



Try a Puzzle...



IT'S A WILD, WILD WORLD



FIND THE WILD ANIMALS HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE.

D	B	H	Q	H	Z	O	C	X	N	D	S	V	D	C
H	Y	E	N	A	Q	S	O	L	V	N	O	M	O	V
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Y	Y	X	N	N	N	D	R	A	P	O	E	L	O	M
F	H	V	D	O	E	O	D	I	G	C	Z	N	L	
H	I	C	S	B	R	L	Y	X	Y	W	O	I	L	O
F	A	I	V	S	H	L	O	R	F	L	N	A	U	P
T	B	K	L	E	M	W	B	Y	K	A	I	F	G	C
P	F	O	J	Z	C	T	Q	M	H	C	H	H	E	V
C	D	L	T	H	B	B	G	N	N	E	R	I	T	S
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B	B	V	A	R	D	C	M	W	P	H	O	F	O	A
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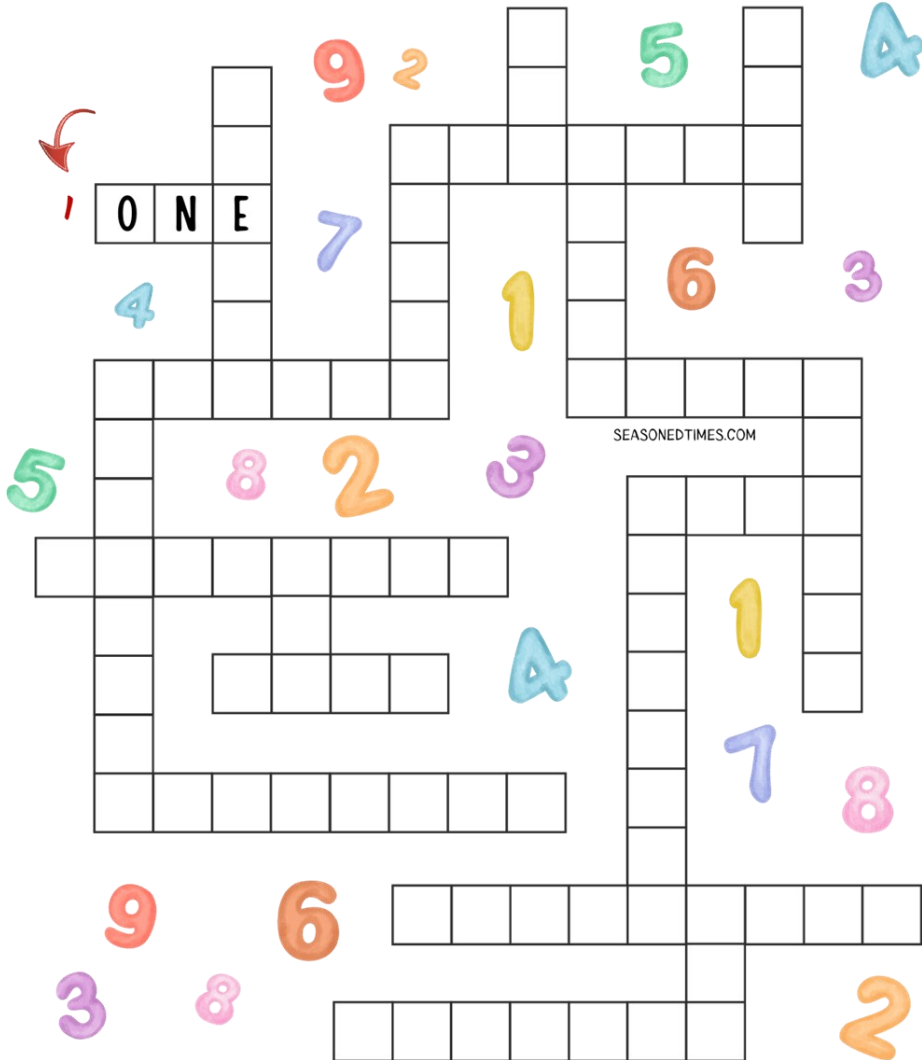
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- BISON
- COYOTE
- ELK
- FOX
- HYENA
- LEOPARD
- LION
- RHINOCEROS
- SANDCAT
- STOAT
- WOLF



1 - 20 Crossword

Fill in numbers 1 through 20 as they fit into the crossword puzzle.





Book Club
Wednesday, **April 1st** @ 2pm




First Saturday BINGO
** BINGO has been cancelled in April **




Board of Director's Meeting
Wednesday, **April 8th** @ 1pm



Monthly Birthday Lunch
Wednesday, **April 15th**, @ 11am



Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska
Art Link
Thursday, **April 16th** @ 5:30pm



Chili Contest / Bake Sale
Saturday, **April 18th** @ 11pm
[No one under 19 allowed]



Strong Memory Discussion Group
- CANCELLED IN APRIL -
Wednesday, **April 29th** @ 1:00pm



Law Office of
Mamie S. Brown, LLC

Talking Circle
Thursday, **April 23th**
@ 1:30pm

