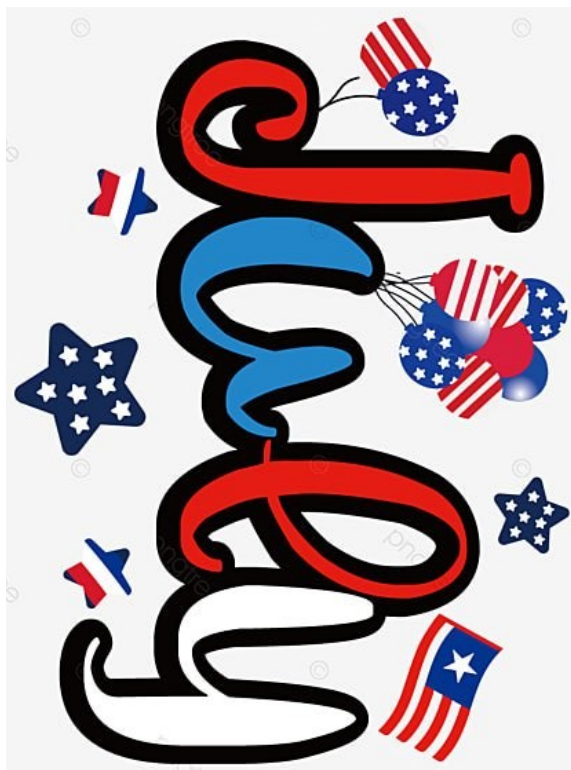


Our mission is to create inviting and enjoyable programs that encourage older adults to utilize their skills, develop their potential, and remain engaged in the community.



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This weekend our parking lot was repaved. I want to give a shout out to Calvin Gustafson and crew from Down Under Landscaping and Paving Products of Alaska for a job well done. The contractor found two layers of asphalt, this was corrected. A thank you to Thor Weatherby for his assistance in disconnecting the propane tanks. After the removal of the asphalt the concrete in the back of the center was removed. The paving contractor shot a new grade to give drainage around the entire center. Material was brought in, grade was set, compacting was done, and finally new pavement was laid.

I want to thank All members for their donations, ticket sales and your understanding. This safety issue has been resolved.

We are close to selling all the tickets for the raffle of the motorcycle. If anyone has unsold tickets, please make a push to sell them and if not, bring them back to the center to turn them in. I would like to hold the drawing on the 4th of July. Remember you can also buy the tickets. The unsold tickets are worth \$2900. When we receive the final bill for the paving, a loan for \$20,000 will be taken from Mt. McKinley Bank.

I want to reiterate a thank you to all who made this possible.

Sincerely your president,
Joseph Gelinas



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

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Parliamentarian: Cora Williams

The Board of Directors Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be July 9th at 1pm.

The Meeting Minutes can be found on our website:
www.santaseniors.com

Highlights from the last Board Meeting:

Individual Members = 186

June Volunteer Hours = 145.5

June Gift Shop Sales = \$693

- ♦ We now have an electric lawn mower. And we have a kid that needs to do community service to mow the lawn this summer.
- ♦ As of the June Board Meeting, the parking lot fund raised \$13,188.98. Only \$24,401.02 to go.
- ♦ The cookbook will be printed again. \$2175 raised in advertising will cover the cost of printing.
- ♦ Bone Builder Bags for Kids are in. Rochelle Renner will pick them up from the foodbank Wednesday mornings.
- ♦ Please send information from events/fundraisers to Carmen to put in the newsletter.

Santa's Senior Center Welcomes...
No new members last month.

The **June Birthday Lunch** had been cancelled due to the parking lot being re-paved.

We will be celebrating June birthdays with the July birthdays. If your birthday is in June or July, your lunch is on us.



The parking lot is FINISHED!

July Birthdays:

Date:

- 3 Erich Hoffmann*
- 3 Marie Reed*
- 4 Mary Jenkins*
- 7 Valliere Forrest*
- 8 Calvin Stageman Jr
- 11 Chris Williams
- 12 Cindy Stageman
- 15 Teri Helmers
- 16 Jean Erickson*
- 16 Joseph Gelinas
- 18 Cora Williams
- 19 Larry Hoevelman*
- 20 Rochelle Renner
- 21 Helen Bernstein
- 21 Button Bodiker
- 22 Virginia Bell*
- 25 Jean Schmitz*
- 25 Irene Silvers*
- 26 Susan Eickermann
- 27 Christina Foytich
- 27 Wally Takao
- 28 Jed Grover
- 30 Betsy Bear
- 30 Jo A Havens



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

**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.**



July Anniversaries:

Date:

Years Married:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| 4 Thor & Wanda Weatherby | 17 |
| 21 Don & Kim Cook | 46 |
| 22 J.N. & Sharron Hunter | 53 |
| 23 Frank & Ida Rhines | 69 |
| 25 Lawrence Jr. & Maria Terch | 16 |
| 26 Dwayne & Daphney Hofschulte | 59 |
| 28 Wally & Karen Takao | 48 |



July's Birthday Lunch: Deep Fried Halibut by Marie Scholle

July's Guest Speakers:

Magen James from FoodBank/SNAP

Janet Dailey from Senior Games



The May 31st Bake Sale brought in \$513, considering it was a bit slow for the Bazaar sales side. Thank you bakers for providing your baked goods. Like I have always said without your help this would not be happening.

The Rummage/Bake Sale was a success considering all the yard sales that was going on that weekend. We managed to receive a total of **\$1,216.80** of donations! These two events will help pay for our new parking lot. Thank you volunteers Cora Williams, Doneva Cheesemen, Don and Kim Cook, Agnes Beavers, Carol Suchland, Rena Clark, and June Cloyd for helping set up and packing up the remaining items from the rummage sale. It was dirty work but we all managed and got through it all. Again a big **THANK YOU** to our bakers for providing baked goods to this event also.

Ruthie Sevy



Our very own Administrative Assistant, Carmen Sears set up the Jewelry display in the office at the Center. She started during the Bazaar in May and sold through the end of the Rummage/Trunk Sale in June. Thanks to her efforts, we sold **\$412** in just Jewelry!

Thanks also to all the members who donated the Jewelry for the sale. We packed up what was left and will take it to sell in Fairbanks, at the "Vintage Faire" in the Shopper's Forum Mall on October 4th and 5th. We will gladly accept any more jewelry donations up until then.

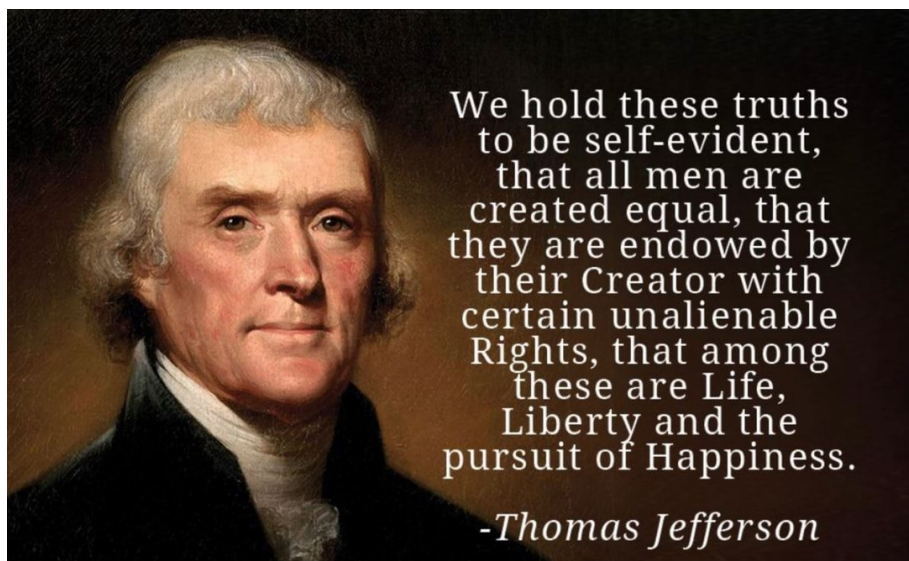
Goldie Southwood



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

4th of July



We hold these truths
to be self-evident,
that all men are
created equal, that
they are endowed by
their Creator with
certain unalienable
Rights, that among
these are Life,
Liberty and the
pursuit of Happiness.

-Thomas Jefferson

FOURTH OF JULY TRIVIA QUIZ

1. When were fireworks first used in an official Fourth of July celebration?

- a. 1777 b. 1877 c. 1907

2. What historical event do Americans celebrate on the Fourth of July?

- a. Official signing of the Declaration of Independence
b. George Washington's birthday
c. Formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence

3. Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?

- a. The New York Times
b. The Pennsylvania Evening Post
c. The National Enquirer

4. Which U.S. president was born on Independence Day?

- a. Calvin Coolidge b. James Buchanan c. George W. Bush

5. When did the Fourth of July become a federal holiday?

- a. 1880 b. 1870 c. It's a state holiday, not a federal holiday.

6. How many signers of the original Declaration of Independence died on July 4th?

- a. 0 b. 1 c. 2

7. What percentage of retail fireworks sales occur during the Fourth of July holiday?

- a. 90% b. 75% c. 48%

8. What actor in "Born on the Fourth of July" was actually born on July 3rd?

- a. Tom Cruise b. Oliver Stone c. Kyra Sedgwick

9. What was Uncle Sam's occupation?

- a. Builder b. Soldier c. Meat Packer

10. Which colony was the first to declare itself independent of Great Britain?

- a. Rhode Island b. Vermont c. Connecticut

11. Who has the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence?

- a. Benjamin Franklin b. John Hancock c. Thomas Jefferson

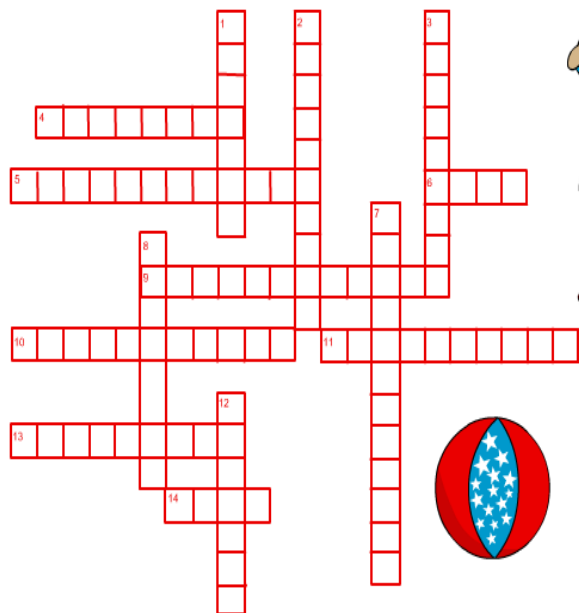
12. The Declaration of Independence had how many signers?

- a. 42 b. 56 c. 31

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Down:

1. the state of being free within society
2. the group of people with the authority to govern a country or state; a particular ministry in office
3. a loss entailed by giving up something
7. law determining the fundamental principles of a government
8. a device containing gunpowder which causes spectacular effects and explosions used for display or in celebrations.
12. marked by active interest and enthusiasm

Across:

4. practices that are handed down from the past by tradition
5. a formal public statement
6. a piece of cloth used as the symbol or emblem of a country or institution
9. the fact or state of being independent.
10. the date on which an event occurred in some previous year
11. love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it
13. behave as expected during of holidays or rites
14. The seventh month of the year



THIS AND THAT FROM SENIORS

By Goldie Southwood 6/30/25

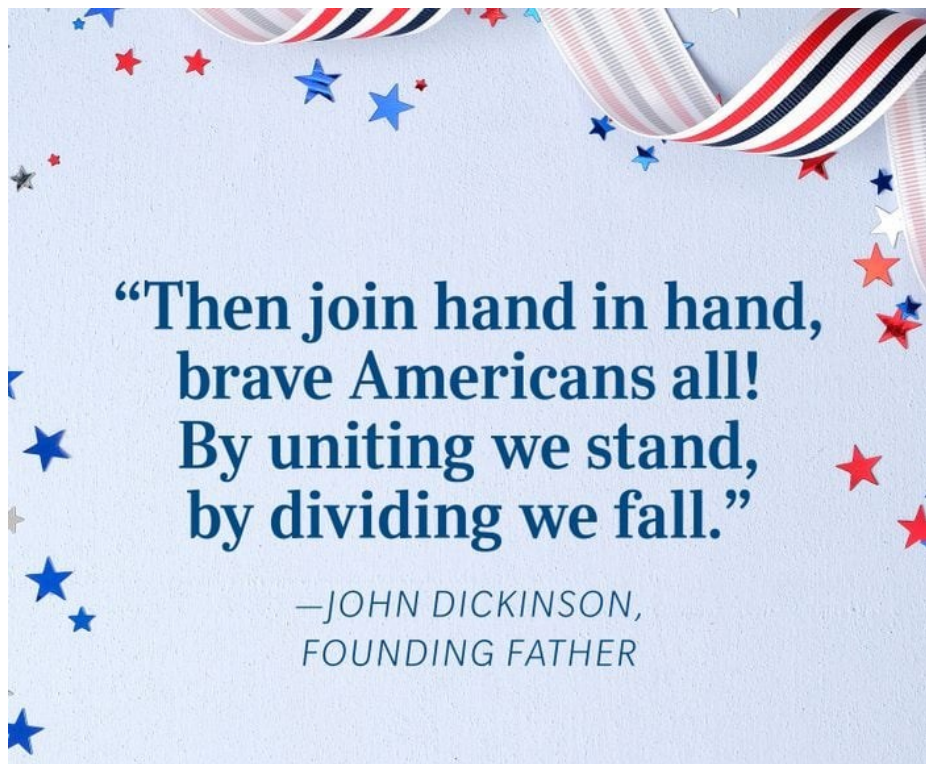
178 Days until Christmas



Barbara Sevier and I just returned from an Alaskan Adventure. We took the Alaska Railroad from Fairbanks to Anchorage and on to Seward. We were travelling "Gold Star service". This means we were seated in the Dome car with a panoramic view of all the sights. Our Alaskan scenery is incomparable! We saw a few wild animals along the route. (moose, bears, eagles) The dining area was down a winding staircase. We were seated with interesting people at each meal: Newlyweds from Arizona; a couple from Salem, Oregon; a couple from Santa Barbara, California; two ladies from Sweden. So mealtimes were interesting! We spent two nights in Anchorage, visiting the Ulu Factory and had a wonderful dinner at "Club Paris". Continued on by rail to Seward. The weather all the way was unbelievable. It was sunny and in the 70s even in Seward! While in Seward we took a wildlife dinner cruise. Saw several whales, (even a baby whale), otters, sea lions, porpoises, puffins and eagles. The gourmet meal on board was delicious. After a night in Seward, we went to the Alaska Sea Life Center. I hadn't been there in years, but it is still well worth the time. The trip back to Anchorage by rail was just as entertaining. We spent another night in Anchorage. The last morning I went to the Anchorage Solstice Market, while Barbara rested at the hotel. Fun time, talking to all the vendors. We flew home to Fairbanks under an umbrella of smoke. Do hope you are all staying safe.



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



July Lunch Menu:

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
2nd No Lunch	4th No Lunch
9th Chicken Sandwiches	11th Tacos
16th Deep Fried Halibut	18th Hamburger Steak
23rd Tuna Sandwiches	25th Spaghetti
30th No Lunch	

Our volunteer cook is scheduled for Jury Duty this month. If she gets called in to serve, lunches will be cancelled. Thank you for understanding.

Santa's Senior Center Fundraising Raffle



Tickets \$20 each

Only 500 Tickets were printed!



Drawing will be held on July 4th during the pancake feed.

If you have tickets out, get them turned in!

2001 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Electric Glide

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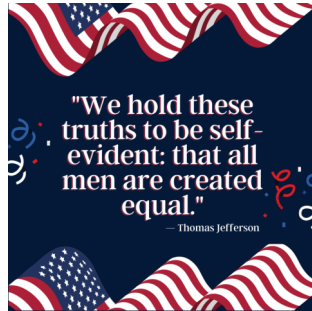


Independence Day Pancake Feed Friday, July 4th 8am-10am

Happy Independence Day

"America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

— HARRY S. TRUMAN



First Saturday BINGO

Saturday, July 5th, 11am-3pm

Misc. Games @ 11am

Potluck Lunch @ 12pm

BINGO @ 12:30pm

This game is free and open to all ages.

No cash prizes.



Fundraiser Dinner Friday, July 25th 5pm Ribs and all the fixin's

Santa's Senior Center & 17 Mile Homemakers presents...



F.Y.I.

Thursday, July 31st @ 10am
GreenStar of Interior Alaska



2025 Sustaining Donor Program

The Sustaining Donor Program is a way that members can continue to support the center financially through the year, by committing to a monthly, quarterly or annual donation.

thank you!

Patty Belcher

Virginia Bell

Rosalie Burch

June Cloyd

Lamie Ellsworth

Valliere Forrest

Richard & Christina Foytich

Ellie Herrera

Lynda House

Naomi King

Alice Murphy

Jim & JoAnn Perkins

Mark & Rochelle Renner

Frank & Ida Rhines

Brenda Sadler

Ramouna Sandbo

Barbara Sevier

Ruthie Sevy

Jo Small

Goldie Southwood

Larry Jr & Maria Terch

Benny & Cora Williams

thank you!

Commitment Total for 2025 so far:
\$10,570