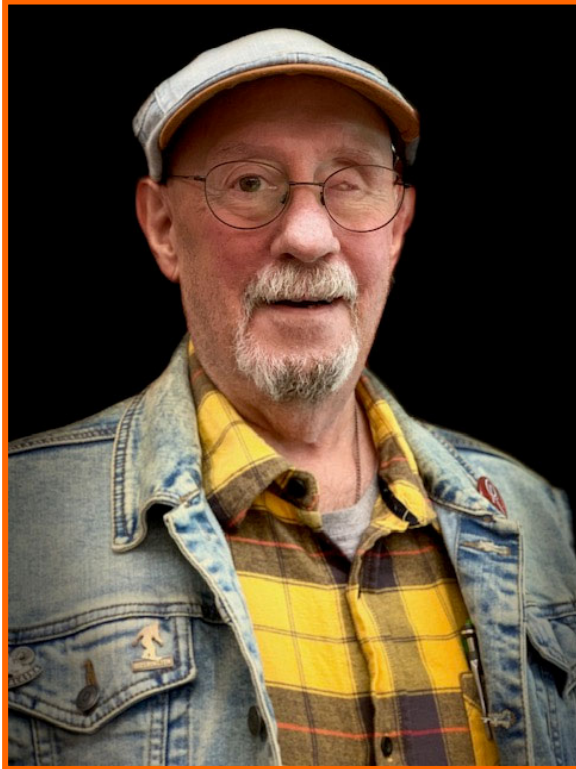




2026

The Centerline



Know your Neighbor Jerry Nassen

By Robin Allenmann

Here at the Kenai Senior Center, you will regularly see a familiar and friendly face going about—energetically engaged and volunteering in various programs and events. He is active not only here at KSC, but elsewhere in the community as well. For many of you, Jerry Nassen needs no introduction. But for those of you who haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting him, let me introduce you and help you get to know him a little better.

Jerry's story began in a little town called Kellogg, Idaho. He was born there in July 1952 to Jack B. and Betty D. McBride and was the eldest of three children. Soon after Jerry's birth, his family relocated to the town of Tonasket in central Washington. When Jerry was three years old, his father, Jack McBride, passed away. Sometime later, his mother married a German man named Charles T. Nassen. He adopted Jerry and his siblings—and Jerry McBride became Jerry Nassen.

Later Jerry's family moved to nearby Loomis, Washington, a Moose Pass-sized small town. It had no stoplights, just one church, two gas stations and a general store with the Post Office inside it. Jerry attended school in the tiny two-room Loomis schoolhouse—grades one through three were in one room, and grades four through six were in the other. After the sixth grade, Loomis students were bussed to a school in nearby Tonasket. During his childhood years here, Jerry was instilled with a hard-working ethic, which was greatly influenced by his adoptive father Charles T., a hard-working man himself.

Special Points of Interest

- Movie Afternoon—Maudie—August 6
- No Host Dinner—Two Brother's Roadhouse—August 18
- BIRTHDAY Lunch—August 19
- Day Trip to Halibut Cove — August 20
- Waffle Friday—August 21
- Kenai Areawide Oldtimers Luncheon—August 28

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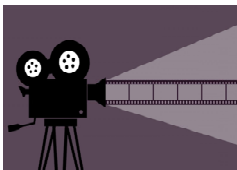
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Happy Birthday!



Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name
2	Janice Thornton	9	Arlys Miskinis	22	Kimberley Webb
2	Keith Streumpler	11	Charlene White	23	Colleen Sonnevil
3	Karen Fredericks	11	Mike Lockwood	23	Kathy Wolf
4	Linda Wehr	12	David Johnsrud	24	Elena Pate
4	Deb Shuey	13	Ken Lancaster	24	Marti Pepper
5	Gina Kuntzman	15	Gerald Sanger	25	Sue Henderson
6	Frosty Walters	15	Clayton Yoncher	27	Gladys Geertz
6	Connie Wilson	17	Robin Allemann	28	Jan May
6	Jim Cassidy	29	Steve Latz	29	Marti Anderson
7	Mike Christian	20	Gary Hollier	29	Bonnie Kane
7	Ken Brake	21	Carol Prior	30	Bill Nelson
8	Marge Milewski	21	Marta Eldridge	30	Kathryn Medcoff
8	Tom Schanrock, Sr.	22	Janice Wilsack	30	Jim Williams
9	Don Waldrop	22	Jennifer Reynoldson	30	Tony Gilbert



Thursday Afternoon Movie

August 6, 2026 at
3:00p.m.

Now showing: **Maudie**

Academy Award® Nominee
SALLY HAWKINS

Academy Award® Nominee
ETHAN HAWKE

MAUDIE



Canadian folk artist Maud Lewis falls in love with a fishmonger while working for him as a live-in housekeeper.

NO-HOST DINNER

Two Brothers Roadhouse

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Those leaving from the Senior Center parking lot will head out at 4:00p. Or, meet your friends at Two Brothers in Cooper Landing.

There will be limited transportation available at a charge of **\$10.00**, so RSVP early. Sign up at the Reception Desk.

It is important to let us know if you will be attending the No-Host Dinner but driving separately. We let the restaurant know ahead of time for seating capability and if there is a change or cancellation, we can notify you. Remember to let the receptionist know if you plan to attend, whether you ride the Senior Center van or have your own ride.

dates to remember

Wednesday, August 5	Social Security	9a–Noon
Thursday, August 6	Card Making with Kimberly—cancelled this month	
	Movie Afternoon: Maudie	3:00 pm
Friday, August 7	Garage Saling with Patty	9:30 am
Tuesday, August 11	“No Host” Dinner/Two Brother’s Roadhouse	4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 12	Fireweed Jelly Demonstration	2:00 pm
Friday , August 14	Picnic BBQ Lunch at Hidden Lake	10:00 am
Wednesday, August 19	Social Security	9a—Noon
	Birthday Lunch	Noon
Thursday, August 20	Day Trip to Halibut Cove	9:30 a m
Friday, August 21	Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. Meeting	10:00 am
Tuesday, August 25	Beach and Agate Walk	1:30 pm
Friday, August 28	Old Timer’s Luncheon	11:30 am



Kenai Senior Center Info

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Need to speak with someone in administration?

Director—Kathy Romain

(907) 283-8213 or kromain@kenai.city

Vintage Pointe Manor, Council on Aging,

Kenai Senior Connection, Inc.

Benefits Counseling

Administrative Assistant, Red Piersee

(907) 283-8212 or apiersee@kenai.city

Home Delivered Meals

Transporation

Benefits Counseling

Vintage Pointe Housing Rental

Activity/Volunteer Coordinator, Kayla Feltman

(907) 283-8214 or kfeltman@kenai.city

Activities

Volunteer Opportunities

Senior Center Facility Rentals



Would you be interested in occasional group outings?

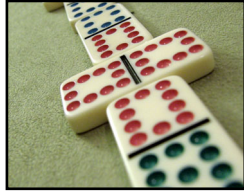
We're exploring opportunities for special transportation trips to local attractions, recreation

opportunities and community events. Trips will be offered as driver availability permits, so stay tuned for future announcements!

We currently offer transportation to destinations such as Soldotna Field House, Wednesday Market, Nikiski Pool, and occasional garage sale outings. To ensure we are making the best use of our transportation resources, these trips must have sufficient participation to continue being offered. If you enjoy these opportunities, we encourage you to sign up and join us!

Calling all Mexican Dominoes Players!

Interested in playing or learning about Mexican dominoes? Please join us every **Wednesday** of the month at 1:00pm in the card room. It's so much fun and see you there!



Stronger Together Support Group



Wednesdays 2 –3:30 pm

Are you a caregiver who could use the support of others on a more regular basis? This may be for you!

Nikiski Pool Transportation:

Morning pool service is on Thursdays. There is no transportation fee for this service but the individual is responsible for the \$2 admission fee to the pool. Van leaves the center at 9am.



No Card Making with Kim in August and September

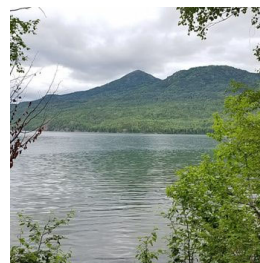
Thank you for understanding. Kim will resume in October.



Friday, August 7 At 9:30 am Garage Saling w/ Patty

We will be leaving the center with a van at 9:30 am to hit some yard sales, garage sales, and maybe even moving sales. Don't forget to bring cash with you. We will be back before noon so you can have lunch at the center. Please sign up at the receptionist desk.

Picnic BBQ Lunch at Hidden Lake



**Friday, August 14 @
10:00 am**

This year it's an outdoor picnic at Hidden Lake. Come and join us for Great Food and Fun. We will have teriyaki chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. You won't want to miss this Summer Time FUN!!! The van will leave the center at 9:00 am. Please sign up at the Receptionist desk. This trip is weather permitted.

The Writers' Bloc

By: Virginia Walters



The Writers Bloc is starting a new notebook. Volume I is still available, located in the Game Room under the T.V. screen. Pieces are added each week, some funny, some nostalgic, even some sad ones on occasion. Please read and enjoy these offerings from the Writers Group.

We meet on Wednesdays at 1p.m., Come sit in just to listen, or join us for writing fun!



Day Trip to Halibut Cove

Thursday, August 20

9:00a-9:00pm

Did we say a trip to Halibut Cove again??!! Why, yes we did! This is a five-hour tour to Halibut Cove. The vans will leave the Center at 9:00 a.m., drive to Homer, and depart Homer at 11:30 a.m. to Halibut Cove. One of the highlights of the cruise to Halibut Cove is a visit to Gull Island, a bird sanctuary, a short twenty minutes from Homer. A no-host lunch will be at the famous Saltry Restaurant. The Danny J ferry goes rain or shine! No refunds for those who choose not to go in rainy weather.

The cost of the tour is \$70.00 and the van ride charge is \$20.00. Prepay at the Receptionist Desk, fill out forms and reserve your spot.

Waffle Bar!!

We will offer waffles on the **Third Friday of this month** from 8-10:00 am. Come in for coffee, juice, and a hot waffle for just \$3. You may bring your own goodies to add to your waffle.



This month the Kenai Senior Center wants to thank our volunteers who helped with the 4th of July booth. You all are amazing!!!

Kris Ayers
Rick Cates
Shirrie Drath
Sharon Fisher
Carol Freas
Howard Hill
Kit Hill
Bobbi Jedlicki
Ginger Kaona
Diane Hooper

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Debbie Myers
Sieglinde Moore
Twyla Mundy
Jerry Nassen
Marcia Shea
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Scott Romain
Terry Turner



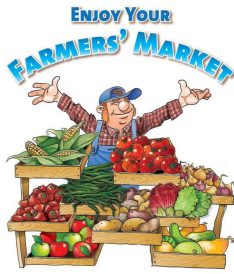
Beach & Agate Walk

Tuesday, August 25 at 1:30pm

Let's take a drive to Salamatof Beach (Nikiski) for an afternoon stroll on the beach and to find amazing agates along the way. Plan for an ice cream stop and to have lots of Fun!!

The cost is \$3. Please sign up at the front desk if you want to join in on the fun!!

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program



Will you be 60 years of age or older by September 30, 2026? Do you enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, but find that purchasing them can be a little hard on your pocketbook?

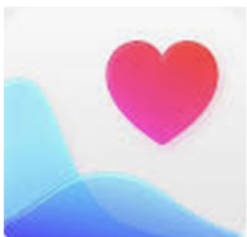
If you answered yes to both questions, you'll be happy to hear that the Kenai Senior Center is once again a distribution site for Farmer's Market Benefits!

The benefit amount this year is \$55, and benefits will be available for use after June 1. Individuals may begin signing up starting May 1.

Walk-in assistance is available, Monday through Friday.

Benefits are distributed electronically and there is no paper application available. Individuals may apply on their own by accessing the Healthy Together App on their smartphone.

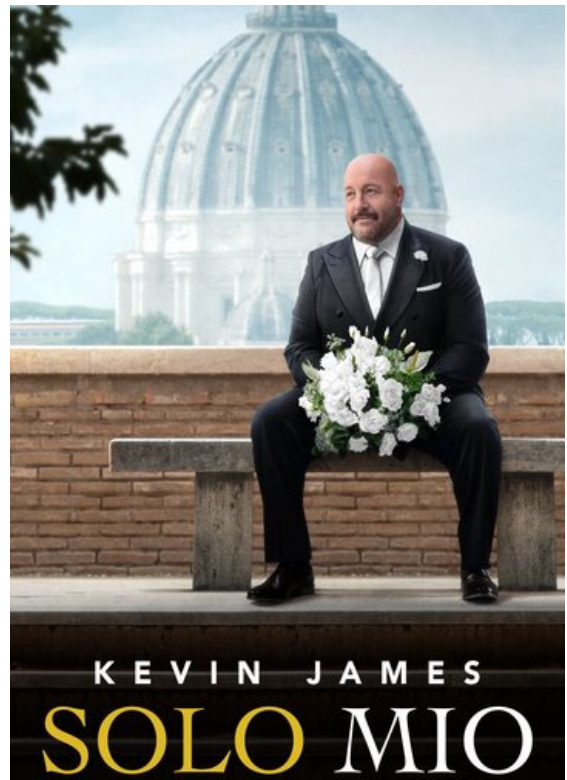
For more information about the program and to inquire as to whether you are eligible, please call Red at the Kenai Senior Center at (907) 283-8212.



COMING SOON

In September for Movie Afternoon

Showing: Sole Mio



A wedding disaster leaves a groom stranded in Rome, heartbroken in the world's happiest city. However, with help from a determined local and a few meddling couples, his ruined honeymoon becomes an adventure that he never expected.



STATE OF ALASKA
PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION
AUGUST 18, 2026

WHEN:	ELECTION:	WHAT:	WHERE AND WHEN?
AUGUST 3 <u>through</u> AUGUST 17, 2026	<u>State of Alaska</u> <u>Primary Election</u>	Early and Special Needs voting available.	Division of Elections 11312 Kenai Spur Highway, Ste 48 (Kenai Mall) <u>Monday - Friday</u> August 3-17, 2026 8:00am - 5:00pm <u>Saturday</u> August 8 and 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. <u>Sunday</u> August 9 and 16, 2026 Noon—4:00 p.m.
AUGUST 18, 2026	<u>Election Day</u>		Polls Open 7:00a-8:00p Absentee-In-Person/Division of Elections <u>Kenai Precinct #1/Kenai Mall</u> *<u>Kenai Precinct #2/Kenai Central</u> <u>High School (9583 Kenai Spur)</u> *<u>Kenai Precinct #3/Kenai Visitors</u> <u>Center (11471 Kenai Spur)</u> *NEW LOCATIONS

DO YOU WANT TO ARRANGE A RIDE DURING A WEEK DAY TO
THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS TO EARLY VOTE, VOTE ABSEN-
TEE IN-PERSON, OR ARRANGE FOR A SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOT
FOR SOMEONE?

DO YOU WANT TO ARRANGE A RIDE TO A KENAI PRECINCT
POLL ON NOVEMBER 5 (ELECTION DAY)?

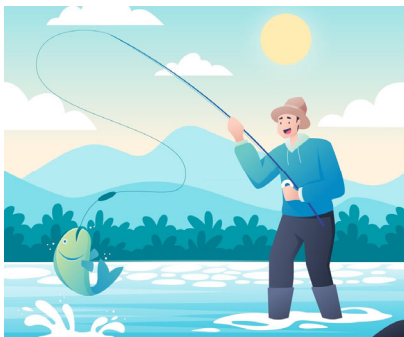
CALL (907) 283-4156 EARLY TO ARRANGE A RIDE.



Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. NEWS

By: Terry Turner, Board President and Jerry Nassen, Board Vice-President

July is behind us, and what a busy July it was. As usual, the Fourth of July Biscuits & Gravy & PIE fundraiser was a success. While not the largest Senior Connection fundraiser (we still netted over \$1800), it's still the one many of us look forward to the most each year. I mean, what's not to like: Biscuits and Gravy and PIE! Several dozen volunteers braved the cold, windy day to make this event the success that it always is. Rather than trying to name them all (and risking missing somebody), Terry and I want to mentally send each of you a thank you...you know who you are!



Here's hoping you all got the fish you need and survived the annual Dip Net Pilgrimage, and now maybe we can actually drive around the Peninsula relatively unimpeded. We still have plenty of summer and tons of daylight left, so get out and enjoy it. Be sure to stop in to the Center on occasion. We've got crafts, computers, games, books, DVD's, puzzles, exercise daily, outings, great food, and of course...your friends and neighbors!

LIBRARY NEWS

by Kari Mohn

In June our Kenai Center Library, housed in the Game Room, received an abundance of 1,000 piece puzzles. These puzzles are marked with a lavender Post-it. Thousand piece puzzles are housed on the top shelf of our shelves. If you are unable to reach them, our hard-working custodian, Clinton Redding, and our fabulous craft room volunteer, Kris Ayers, can reach them for you. If Clinton and Kris are unavailable, just look around for someone tall and make a new friend. It is important, when you are donating puzzles, to place them near the donation box on the floor. That way, Kari Mohn, who is our librarian, knows to tape the boxes shut and to place that month's Post-it color on them before they are shelved.

We have SO MANY thousand-piece puzzles, you don't need to return them. You can pass them along to a fellow puzzler.





Our \$5-A-Month Club is a voluntary membership to the Kenai Senior Center through the Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. and a valuable help!

All funds are used to assist with the Senior Center budget and for special needs throughout the year. We thank everyone for your support as we continue to grow and serve the needs of our senior community. Donations may be made on a monthly or year-to-year basis. **We proudly post our \$5 Club members in the Centerline!**

AUGUST 2026 \$5 CLUB

Marty Askin	Jeffrey & Monica Griffin	Paula Maier	Linda Schwanke
Victoria Askin	Phyllis Halstead	Leon Marcinkowski	Patty Segura
Ken Ayers	June Harris	Lee Moeglein	Marcia Shea
Kris Ayers	Lorraine Heikkila	Mary Moeglein	Hal Smalley
Carol Barner	Nancy Henning	Kari Mohn	Debbie Sonberg
Willie Brenden	Kathy Heus	Twyla Mundy	Russell Sonberg
Arthur Brown	Howard Hill	Wayne Mundy	Cheryl Spear
Donna Brown	Kit Hill	Debbie Myers	Sheila Philips-Steiner
Megan Burke	Joe Huard	Jerry Nassen	Vivian Terry
Barb Christian	Roger Ihde	Bill Nelson	David Thompson
Mike Christian	Bobbie Jedlicki	Lois Nelson	Katherine Thompson
Jewell Coverstone	Ginger Kaona	Susan Olson	June Truelove
Rachael Craig	Fran Kilfoyle	Bill Perrigo	Terry Turner
Walt Craig	Ron King	Nanette Peter	Yen-ti Verg-in
Terri Cramer	Sandy King	Bob Peters	Frosty Walters
Jan Daniels	Anita Kwan	Robert Peterson	Virginia Walters
Dorothy Diamond	William LaTocha	Carol Prior	Candace Ward
Janet Nelson-Dormandy	Xiaopei LaTocha	Biz Robbins	Marilyn Wheelless
Pam Downing	Hoa Le	Geraldine Roberson	Bob Windsor
Shirie Drath	Chris Lombard	Trish Roderick	Ruby Windsor
Sharon Fisher	Jennifer Lombard	Robert Romig	Clayton Yoncher
Carol Freas	Carol Louthan	Gladys Routh	Emmett Young
Velda Geller	Mike Louthan	James Schwanke	

Looking for something fun to do? Enjoy hanging out with others? The Kenai Senior Center is the place for you!

- **First Thursday of the Month:** Movie Afternoon 3 PM to 5 PM 
- **Thursday Fun Night:** happens every second, third, and fourth Thursday of the Month from **5 PM to 9 PM:** Join us for an Accoustic Jam, card games, cribbage, and more!

Beat the blues and make your Thursdays something to look forward to. We can't wait to see you there!



Widows/Widowers



Meet Mondays at 2pm

Come share your grief with others

Its your story for you to share and we are here to support you

Calling all Bridge Players!

Interested in playing bridge? Players are needed at all levels.



On Mondays-duplicate bridge for more experienced players where your score is compared with other pairs holding the same cards.

On Fridays-casual play or party bridge which includes all levels of players.

See Kayla to sign up for any upcoming Bridge games.

See you there!

**Kenai Peninsula
Wednesday, August 5
from 2:00p-3:30p**



The Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 5th in the dining room at the Kenai Senior Center w/ the "Stronger Together" Group.

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Once Jerry began working, he was never without a job throughout his entire career.

Also, during this time, Jerry joined the Boy Scouts—which began his lifelong penchant for volunteering and community service. Later in his adult years, he actively participated in such organizations as the JayCee's, the Eagles, the Elks and the Kiwanis.

When Jerry was 17, he graduated from high school and two weeks later married his high school sweetheart, Kelly. They moved to Tonasket and together they had two sons. Over the next 17 years Jerry worked a multitude of various and interesting jobs. Some of the places he worked were a print shop, a newspaper, and as a logger. He also owned and ran a service station for a time and later he managed a tavern. Adding to that, Jerry was also in Law Enforcement for seven years, two as a police officer and five as a dispatcher/jailer. At age 34, while working as a dispatcher for Okanogan County, WA, he took a test for a Post Office worker position because it offered benefits and better pay. He was hired part-time while still working the graveyard shift at the jail. When he got off work there at 8:00 am, he changed his clothes and went straight to work at the Post Office, which made for some long hours. He had to choose between jobs. He chose the Post Office.

Jerry began his long stint at the Post Office in Okanogan in August 1984--about the same time a woman named Marcia Shea began her Post Office career in Moose Pass, Alaska.

In 2001, while in his early 50's, Jerry and Marcia met at a Postal event in New Orleans and became friends. That friendship grew over time and they would visit each other whenever they could.

Jerry and Marcia became an "official" couple in 2005. It was a long-distance romance, as he still lived in Washington and Marcia lived in Moose Pass. Long distance courting was difficult, so Jerry made the move to Alaska to be near



Marcia. She loved living in Alaska as her family is here, so they decided Jerry would be the one to relocate. After arriving in Alaska Jerry worked as the Acting Postmaster in Seward for a time. He then worked for six long cold winter months in Nome, and then in Glennallen, where Marcia would visit whenever she could. In 2010, a Postmaster position became available in Seward. Jerry got the job and moved to Moose Pass, commuting to Seward daily for work.

So how did Jerry and Marcia make their way to the Kenai Senior Center? In 2021 they were members of the Seward Chapter of the Pioneers of Alaska, although they now resided in Kenai. Two fellow Pioneer members, Virgil and Dawn Campbell, invited them to a luncheon in Soldotna which would determine if the Kenai Chapter of the Pioneers of Alaska would remain open (it wouldn't). While there at the luncheon, Jerry and Marcia met Howard and Kit Hill and immediately became fast friends. They were looking for local connections in Kenai, so they asked Howard and Kit, "Where's a good place to go for fun?" The answer: Kenai Senior Center. Jerry and Marcia visited KSC for lunch one day with Kit and Howard and really enjoyed it. It offered many things that drew them to it--good food, friendly people, and a fun, inviting atmosphere. And as they say, the rest is history.

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Jerry and Marcia have both been regularly involved at Kenai Senior Center ever since that day. They are both active participants here and both enjoy volunteering. Just some of the enjoyable excursions and activities they partake in are the exercise group, swimming group, van trips to places such as greenhouse tours, trips to Seldovia or Hope, the Craft Room and monthly gatherings with others at the No-Host meals.

Jerry is also a long-time member of the Writer's Group. He is a gifted creative writer and you will often find his stories posted on the KSC bulletin board. Throughout his life, as an avid reader, Jerry has often volunteered in various book clubs and libraries, and those experiences have contributed to his impressive writing skills. Jerry also has a solid background in finance because of his many years with the Post Office, and he is a member of the Senior Connections

Board where he currently serves as Vice President. He and Marcia regularly participate in Kenai Senior Connection Board fund raisers.

Jerry and Marcia are currently on the list of applicants wishing to move into the Vintage Pointe Apartments. While they are waiting, they are renting a home to avoid the maintenance (a perk they'll have at Vintage Pointe, as well). It makes perfect sense for them to move to the Kenai Senior Center, as they drive here so often for various activities. In fact, they make such frequent trips to the center that the GPS on their phones has designated them as a "commute to work". Jerry likes to joke, "Once we move to Vintage Pointe, our so-called commute to work will go from '10 minutes to work' to just 100 feet of hallway." Now that's something for them to look forward to, indeed! - Robin Alleman



Celebrating 100 Years of Life for JUDY HALL

On September the 11th there will be a **birthday celebration** for our very own Music Hall of Famer. The celebration will be held at the American Legion in Kenai. If you would like to join us and have dinner there please RSVP.

Steaks \$30, Shrimp \$30, Steak and Shrimp \$35

All Meals come with a baked potato or fries, salad and bread... It will be great meal!

There will be live music as well!!

RSVP: Linda Romero 907-953-8562 or sign up on the bulletin board, no later than 4th of September.



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Please help us to update our database by annually filling out this form and giving it to the receptionist, or mailing it to:

Kenai Senior Center, 361 Senior Ct., Kenai, AK 99611

~Thank you for your help!

Name _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Kenai Senior Center Donation Form

Helping People Age With Dignity

Your tax deductible donations are a valuable and necessary means for the sustainability of Kenai Senior Center services. If you would like to make a meaningful donation to help those in need, please make a selection from the following services:

Please make checks to Kenai Senior Center:

- ☐ Congregate Meal Program
- ☐ Transportation Services
- ☐ Home Delivered Meal Program
- ☐ Newsletter Mailing (\$10, Jan—Dec)
- ☐ Newsletter E-Mailing (Free of charge)
- ☐ Senior Activities (line dancing, exercise, road trips, etc.)

Email Address: _____

Please make checks to Kenai Senior Connection

- ☐ \$5 Club
 - ☐ monthly - \$5 ☐ yearly - \$60
- ☐ Memorial Donation
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Name _____ Address _____

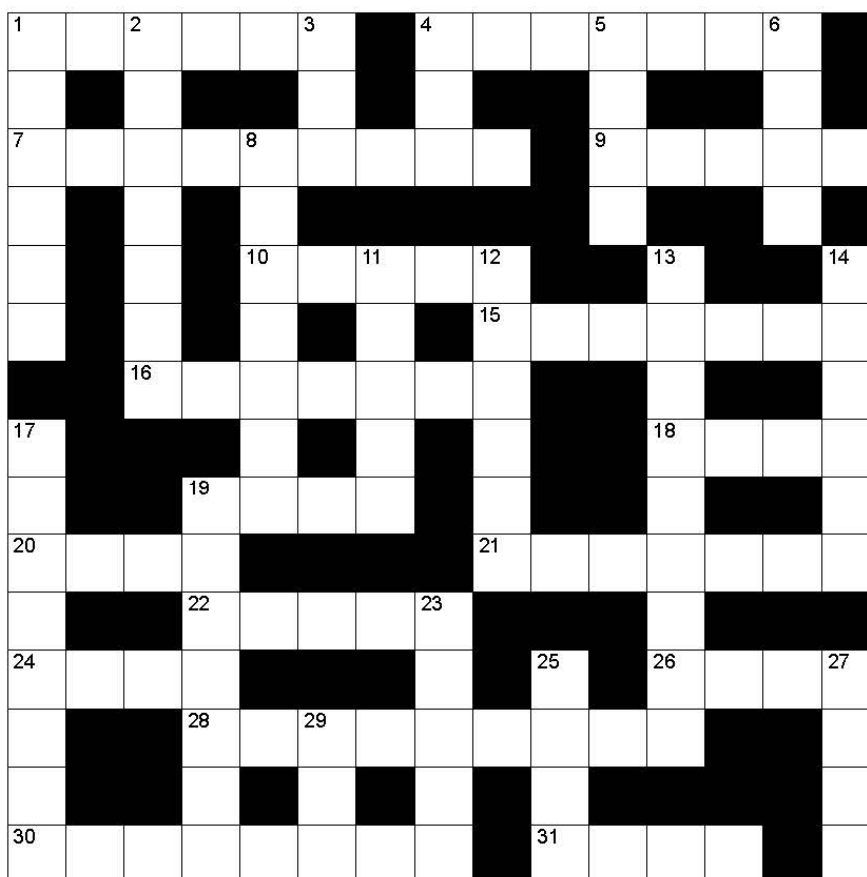
Mail to: Kenai Senior Center, 361 Senior Court, Kenai, AK 99611.

Thank you for your financial support! Every *little* bit can make a **BIG** difference.



AUGUST

Crossword



Across

- 1 Made a piggish remark? (6)
- 4 Ran (out) (7)
- 7 Request from someone who's disconsolate (9)
- 9 One of King Lear's daughters (5)
- 10 Gives hands down? (5)
- 15 Oldest Indy 500 winner (7)
- 16 Game that comes with a lot of discs (7)
- 18 Booted vehicle, perhaps (4)
- 19 Prefix in many juice names (4)
- 20 Jason's mythical vessel (4)
- 21 Farm equipment (7)
- 22 Trills lightheartedly (5)
- 24 Lower Manhattan neighborhood (4)
- 26 ___ Bay, Ore. (4)
- 28 Fly solo (9)
- 30 Kin of "bugs" (8)
- 31 Prominent parts of Mickey's silhouette (4)

Down

- 1 "___ Twist" (6)
- 2 More disadvantaged (7)
- 3 ER tag (3)
- 4 Resort in the Pyrenees (3)
- 5 The verb to be (in Vercheres) (4)
- 6 Hollywood's Cameron (4)
- 8 Gave a face-lift (7)
- 11 Homer hitter known as The Hammer (5)
- 12 Haloed ones (6)
- 13 Put on speaking terms (9)
- 14 Talks foolishly (6)
- 17 Tree surgeon's tool (8)
- 19 Scent (7)
- 23 Company that once offered mail-order catalogs (5)
- 25 There's one way up north (4)
- 27 Vegas fixture (4)
- 29 King Gama's daughter, in an 1884 operetta (3)

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

SURVEY; An essay in two parts...

By: Jerry Nassen

Part one:

I buy a lot of 'stuff', both online and locally, but I prefer supporting local merchants whenever possible. One of the benefits of buying local over online purchasing is that online purchases ALWAYS come with a plea to 'rate the product and/or purchasing experience' where local purchases, especially those paid in cash, usually do not. However, if you've ever used a credit or debit card at a local business, they have you in their database, even when you pay cash; I just found this out. Let me explain.

Now I don't mind getting dunned for feedback on major purchases, like a TV or even a minor kitchen appliance or electronic device; I can understand the vendor's desire for feedback in these cases. But here's the request that 'got my goat', so to say, and prompted both my response and this essay.

Last week I purchased a bird house from a local crafter. Getting it home, I began searching for just the right screw to hang it with. Being a typical man, I have cans and cans (and cans) of assorted nails, brads, screws, hooks, etc. so I was confident I had just what I needed without going to the hardware store. What my wife calls 'hoarding' I prefer to call 'you never know when I might need this'. But, as so often (entirely too often, wife would say) happens, I was incorrect; I did not have the right piece of equipment to complete the project, i.e. hanging the new birdhouse. Oh, for the want of a nail (in this case, screw) the kingdom was lost...

So off to the hardware store I go. We have a couple hardware stores (and a few stores

that sell hardware as a sideline) in our area but since I only needed one single screw I chose an actual hardware store; you know the kind, the one with hundreds of bins of assorted nuts, bolts, nails, and screws, etc. where you can buy single or limited quantities, no need to purchase mega lots, unless that's what you need of course, they're happy to sell bulk also.

Finding the perfect screw for the job at hand, I took it up to the counter where the clerk rang it up, to the grand total of...eight cents, including tax. Not wanting to bother with a credit card for such a frivolous purchase, I dug a dime out of my pocket and handed it over. The clerk informed me that they were short on pennies, so did I want to 'round up' my purchase in support of whatever the cause of the week was. Since it was only a couple pennies (which I certainly didn't need) I said, "Sure, why not. And no bag needed." And off I went, screw in pocket. *Continued on page 17*



"Getting old is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better!" - Ingrid Bergman

I wasn't halfway home (a whopping ten-minute journey) when my phone dinged with an incoming message. Thinking it might be mama needing something from town, I pulled over (see, I do follow the law, at least sometimes/most of the time/whenever) to read the following message:

Subject: How are you enjoying your new screw?

Body of email: Hi Jerry, we hope you're loving your new screw! We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to write a review. Your honest insights will help us improve and assist other shoppers. You can share your experience using the following link: xxxxxxxxx.xxx. Thanks for your support.

You know that old saying: At first, I'm just amazed; but now I'm just amused. That's how this request struck me. First, amazed for receiving a request for such a tiny purchase, a cash purchase at that, one whole thin dime including the charity donation. Then came the amused: I can hardly wait until I get home so I can 'respond' to this request...after I hang the birdhouse that is, I may be retired with time on my hands, but I do have my priorities!

To be continued...



Friday, August 28

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Please RSVP with the
reception desk or
on the bulletin board.

**Be ready to share a “blast
from the past”.**



Heart Healthy

AUGUST 2026 MENU

If you would like to order a meal for pick-up, please call 283-4156 by 10:30am for same-day pick up.

Menu is subject to change
Soup and Salad when available

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Baked Potato w/fixings Broccoli Muffin	4 Cobb Salad Fruit Muffin 	5 Beef Stew Peaches & Cottage Cheese Roll	6 Spaghetti Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread Salad	7 Baked Salmon Rice Pilaf Broccoli
10 Tortellini Soup Turkey on Rye Fruit	11 Beer Battered Halibut Steak Fries Broccoli Salad Fruit	12 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Roasted Potatoes	13 Baked Ham Cheesy Potatoes Baked Cabbage	14 Fish Tacos Cilantro Lime Rice Cucumber Salad 
17 Swedish Meatballs Egg Noodles Beets Fruit	18 Chef Salad Fruit Cup Muffin 	19 BBQ Ribs Baked Beans Cornbread Birthday Cake	20 Chicken Alfredo Corn Rolls	21 Sloppy Joes Steak Fries Corn
24 Ham & Cheese on Rye Cottage Cheese Hungarian Mushroom Soup	25 BBQ Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans	26 Southwest Chicken Salad Fruit Muffin 	27 Tuna Casserole Green Beans Fruit	28 Old Timers' Lunch Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Stuffing Green Beans
31 Teriyaki Chicken Noodle Bowl Egg Roll Fruit	1 Lasagna Soup House Salad Garlic Bread	2 Pulled Pork Sliders Buttered Corn Tater Puffs	3 BBQ Chicken Wings Rice Pilaf Baked Beans	4 Cheeseburger Fries

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