

The Centerline



Know your Neighbor: Judy Hall
By: Virginia Walters

This year, Judy Hall will be 100 years old on September 10. Her niece, Linda Romero has planned a big celebration of that accomplishment for the next day at the Kenai Legion Hall for people from around the world, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, New York City, and her many friends in the local area.

Judy was born in Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma in 1926, the only survivor from a set of triplets. She had one other sister, ten years older.

Her mother was full-blooded Cherokee with historic ties to the "Trail of Tears", and her father later became a code talker for the U.S. military during WWII.

Judy attended school at Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma and grew up speaking only Cherokee. Her Indian name was Jull, but her father thought it would be easier for others to say if she changed it to Judy, so from that day, she has been known as Judy.

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September
100 years!
2026



Special Points of Interest

- Movie Afternoon—Solo Mio—September 3
- BIRTHDAY Lunch—September 16
- Day Trip to Hope —September 18
- No Host Dinner— Papi's Mexican Grill & Cantina—September 22
- Waffle Friday—September 25

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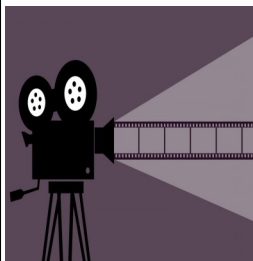
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Happy Birthday!



Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name	Day	Name
1	Peggy Nash	8	Patricia Walters	15	Vivian Terry	22	Ruth Malston
1	John Reynoldson	8	Barbara Walters	15	Wacona Vandehey	25	William Starnes
1	Shawna Moro	8	Jeffrey Parks	15	Roger Ihde	26	Jewell Coverstone
4	Kimberley Jackinsky	10	Judy Hall	16	Carol Stables	27	Marie Weller
4	David Thornton	10	Blanche Rogers	17	Ron King	27	Sandy King
4	Spiridon Lazov	11	Beverly Mix	18	Nun Newton	28	Mike Fite
4	Shirl Kjostad	11	Paul Ottobre	19	Joyce Harris	29	Jeanine Adams
5	Susan Lockwood	12	Pal Marquez	19	Al Hershberger	30	Marie Billings
6	William Mooney	12	Sharon Whitman	19	Terry Turner	30	Carlyn Dukowitz
7	Karolee Hansen	13	Jon Thornton	19	Sindia Grant	30	Tina Treadway
7	Reed Kent	14	Dusty Rhodes	20	Gary Sonnevil	Did we miss your birthday? Please let us know so we can correct our records .	
8	Virginia Walters	15	Mark Necessary	20	Horst Haunold		
8	Mel Krogseng	15	Russell Sonberg	21	Susan Foley		



**Thursday Afternoon
Movie
September 3, 2026
at 3:00p.m.**

Now showing: Solo 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.

NO-HOST DINNER

**Papi's Mexican Grill & Cantina
Tuesday, September 22, 2026**

Those leaving from the Senior Center parking lot will head out at 5:00p. Or, meet your friends at Papi's Mexican Grill & Cantina in Soldotna.

There will be limited transportation available at a charge of **\$6.00**, 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, September 2	Social Security	9a–Noon
Thursday, September 3	Movie Afternoon: Solo Mio	3:00 pm
Thursday, September 10	Council on Aging Meeting	3:00 pm
Friday, September 11	Day Trip to Norman Lowell Gallery	11:00 am
Sunday, September 13	Kenai Historical Society Meeting	1:30 pm
Wednesday, September 16	Social Security	9a—Noon
	Kenai Senior Choir Concert	11:30 am
	Birthday Lunch	Noon
Thursday, September 17	FLU SHOTS	10 am
Friday, September 18	Day Trip to Hope	10 am
Tuesday, September 22	“No Host” Dinner/Papi’s Mexican Grill & Cantina	5:00 pm
Thursday, September 24	Glass Heart Succulent Terrarium Class	1:00 pm
Friday, September 25	Waffle Friday	8-10 am
	Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. Meeting	10:00 am
	Thrift Store Tour	1:00 pm

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

Transportation

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

Do you need a ride or know someone who could use some meals? Maybe you’d like to pick up a meal instead of dining inside?

We can help!

For Pick up Meals:

Call the front desk by 10:30AM* (M-F) For pick-up at 11:30 AM. Meals must be picked up from the front desk before 1:00PM.

For Transportation:

Call the front desk at least **24 hours** in advance to schedule a ride. We will do our best, but same day transportation is not guaranteed.

Dining Room Meals (Congregate)

Monday-Friday 12pm-1pm

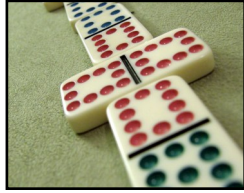
No reservations required

(Except for special events)



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!



Our very own Chuck and Janice Thornton celebrated an incredible **70th wedding anniversary in August!**

Their remarkable journey together has taken them throughout the Lower 48, where they raised six children, before eventually making Alaska their home about 30 years ago.

Chuck and Janice celebrated this very special milestone surrounded by close friends and family in August. **Seventy years of marriage is truly an extraordinary achievement, and we are so happy to celebrate this wonderful couple and their lifetime of memories, adventures, family, and love.**

Congratulations, Chuck and Janice, on 70 amazing years together!



The Writers' Bloc

By: Virginia Walters

Volume II of WRITERS BLOC is on the little table in the lounge area of the lunch room.



We add to it every week. Read about how the writers' group think of HOME, and learn who or what they used to be. Also find out what they write about when left to their own thoughts.

The group meets every Wednesday at 1 in the computer room. You are welcome to join us just to listen in, or to catch the fever and write.

Volume I of WRIETRS BLOC is in the game room on the shelf with the audio books.

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!

There will not be a card-making class in September, but Kim will see you again in October!

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! See Kathy, Red, or Kayla at the Senior Center if you would like more information.



Day Trip to Norman Lowell Gallery Friday, September 11

We are going to take a trip to see extraordinary paintings of Norman Lowell. The Gallery is designed to lead the viewer through an experience of Norman Lowell's artistic vision of Alaska. Art connoisseurs are welcome and amateurs as well. We will have lunch at the Blue Bus in Anchor Point before the gallery tour. Transportation cost is \$15.00. Admission is free to the Norman Lowell Gallery. Please sign up and prepay at the receptionist desk.



Day Trip to Hope Friday, September 18, 2026 10:00a-5:00p

Join Kathy & Paul for a day trip to Hope. The vans will leave the Center at 10:00 a.m. The day will include a beautiful drive to see the fall foliage and a no-host lunch at the Creekbend Café. Cost for the ride is \$15.00. Please sign up and prepay at the receptionist desk.

Flu Shots



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**Thursday, September 17
from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Kenai Safeway will hold a Flu Shot Clinic in the Dining Room at 10:00 am. Please sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your space. Remember to bring your Medicare card.

Glass Heart Succulent Terrarium Class

**Thursday,
September 24 at
1:00p**



Do you want to make a beautiful centerpiece for your fall table? Roxanna will be teaching you step-by-step on how easy it is to make a terrarium. Get creative: Add your own personality and style to your very own terrarium. The cost is \$7 per person and the class is limited to 11 individuals. Please sign up and prepay at the front desk.



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.

Alaska's Home Fall Prevention Checklist:

Use this checklist to find and fix hazards in your home

FLOORS

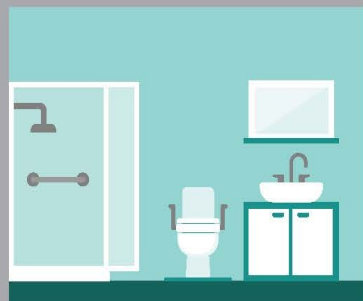
- ☐ Keep pathways clear and free of clutter
- ☐ Remove excess furniture
- ☐ Remove loose mats and rugs
- ☐ Secure loose carpets with double-sided tape
- ☐ Tape or coil cords and wires next to the wall

SPECIAL TIPS FOR ALASKA:

- ☐ **Winter Safety:** Keep entryways and stairs free of ice and snow. Use shoe traction cleats and spread sand or salt on walkways to improve grip.
- ☐ **Year-round Safety:** Keep outdoor walkways, stairs and driveways lit for visibility. Ensure handrails are installed near outdoor stairs.

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Use adhesive anti-slip strips in shower or tub
- ☐ Install grab bars near toilet and inside shower or tub
- ☐ Keep floors dry
- ☐ Install night lights

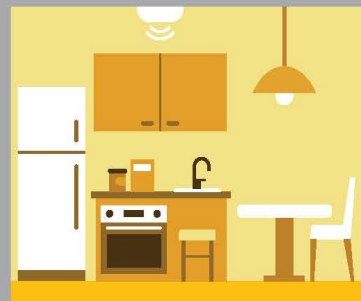


BEDROOMS

- ☐ Place lamps within easy reach from bed
- ☐ Install night lights
- ☐ Keep walking devices within reach
- ☐ Keep floor clear of bed linens on all sides

STAIRS and STEPS (INDOORS and OUTDOORS)

- ☐ Fix loose or uneven steps
- ☐ Remove obstacles from stairs
- ☐ Keep stairways well-lit. Install light switches at the top and bottom of stairs.
- ☐ Install handrails on both sides of stairs, ensure they are secure



KITCHEN

- ☐ Keep frequently used items on lower shelves
- ☐ Avoid standing on chairs or stools to reach items
- ☐ If you need to use a stepstool, choose one with grab bar at the top for you to hold

Visit Alaska's Injury Prevention and Surveillance Unit website: <https://health.alaska.gov/en/division-of-public-health/chronic-disease-prevention/alaska-injury-prevention-and-surveillance-unit/>

JUDY HALL, Continued from page 1)

She began her career as a country singer with Tennessee Ernie Ford who suggested she might need to speak English to work with him, so as a teenager she began her new language and her new life. For the next twenty or so years she traveled the world with various celebrity groups entertaining the troops on military bases. She filled four passport books in that time and had many adventures. One she laughs about is falling into a rice field in Viet Nam during a concert. "Boy! Did it, and I stink!" she laughed. During that time she met and performed with many other well-known performers, including Sarah Vaughn, Lena Horne, Jimmy Dean, Merle Haggard and other country and western stars. Judy was nominated for four Country Music Awards over the years for her work.

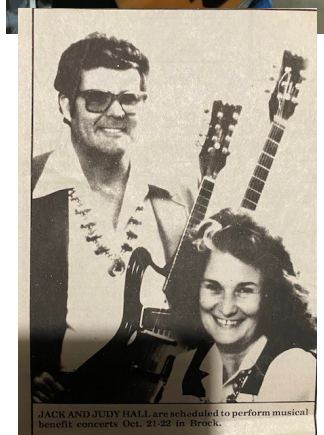
During that time, she met and married John Hall, in Bakersfield, California. He had been an oilfield worker in Texas, but later they began performing together. John and Judy had no children together, but she brought a boy and a girl into the marriage that he adopted and raised as his own.

They came to Alaska in 1958, arriving in Kenai with 53cents. Judy sang in the Ace of Clubs tavern (now the Maverick) to earn enough money to live on.

They homesteaded on K-Beach road on land first homesteaded by Pappy Goodrich. There was one grocery store in the area, run by Vera Franklin, and they crossed the river on floating logs to get to the store. Judy says she was green as grass at homesteading, wondering where the electricity was and how to get water. But they made it and led a successful life there.

Judy comes to the Senior Center for lunch sometimes. Say HI and start a conversation. Ask about adventure camping and sky diving with her son Mark. Or the time she got in a fight in front of a post office or the children and adults she and John took in because "somebody had to do it." Her first hundred years have been full of adventure and fun. "I've had a wonderful life," she says, "God has blessed me."

And join her on September 11 at 5:30 at the Kenai Legion to get her started on her next hundred years.



Kenai Senior Connection, Inc. NEWS

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



Well, we're two thirds of the way through 2026 (What? Already? Can't be!), so now we can rest and skate through the rest of the year. And if you believe that, I've got a bridge you might be interested in.

Just a head's up: There's a number of holidays between now and the new year. Holidays where the Center will be closed. Starting with Labor Day Monday September 7th; followed by Alaska Day, Monday October 19th; on to Veteran's Day Wednesday November 11th; two weeks later is Thanksgiving and the day after on November 26th and 27th; and, finally Christmas is Friday December 25th.

No slacking for your Senior Connections Board and all you members (that's you, \$5 club contributors), because there are several activities during this same time period that volunteers will be needed. The indoor trick-or-treat party for the kids will be Friday October 30th; the annual Christmas Bazaar and bake sale is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday November 14th and 15th; and, the traditional Breakfast with Santa and doll raffle drawing will be Monday December 21st. Also of note: The Christmas food drive at the Center will begin the week of November 2nd, and we will be stuffing the Christmas food bags (75 last year...this year?) sometime during the week of December 7th through 11th.

What's that old saying: I say this to say that...Volunteers needed! If any of these activities peak your interest, volunteer! Contact any Senior Connections board member or any of the Center's staff and they'll be happy to enlist you. Just like the double benefit of wood heat (once when you gather it, once when you burn it), here's your chance for double benefits: Enrich your life by enriching someone else in need.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Kari Mohn

The Kenai Senior Center library has received a large donation of jig-saw puzzles. Most of the older puzzles are being replaced by new ones. Look for the bright green chartreuse Post-its indicating new items added in September including puzzles made by Ceaco in Massachusetts. This is a new company to our collection. The deleted puzzles are available in the dining room for give away.

The Adventure section has been consolidated to one shelf. The Alaska section has grown and now has a shelf of its own right under Adventure. Alaska Fiction books are shelved to the left and Alaska Nonfiction books are shelved to the right.

The library check out system is simple. Borrow a book and return it to the return basket. Right now, we have so many jig-saw puzzles that when you finish a puzzle you can pass it on to another puzzle enthusiast.





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!**

SEPTEMBER 2026 \$5 CLUB

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

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



Take a Walk on the Wild Side—or Just Take a Walk!

Looking for a way to get moving, get out of the house, and enjoy some time with friends? Thanks to a

partnership between the Soldotna Field House and Central Peninsula Hospital, seniors can use the Field House walking track FREE of charge!

And getting there is easy! On Wednesdays, a Kenai Senior Center driver will provide transportation to the Soldotna Field House between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

You don't have to be a serious walker to join us. Walk at your own pace, take a few laps, visit with friends, or simply enjoy a change of scenery while getting a little movement into your day. The track is indoors, comfortable, and a great option when the weather doesn't cooperate.

Come give it a try! Grab a friend, lace up your shoes, and join us for a Wednesday outing. The walking is free—and the company is even better!



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



The Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 2nd in the dining room at the Kenai Senior Center w/ the “Stronger Together” Group.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY; An essay in two parts...

By: Jerry Nassen

Part two:

Birdhouse swinging merrily from its shiny new screw, I settle in at my laptop and open the email from the hardware store. The link takes me to a standard product review form in five parts. I will address each of these in turn as I answer their inquiries.

The first item was: How was your experience with xxxxxxxx? Please check one of the below:

POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE

please note you must wait seven (7) days to post a negative review, to allow the merchant the opportunity to rectify any issues

The next item on the agenda: Please rate the item(s) purchased with the following stars, with one star being inferior to five stars being superior.

Item three was a text box allowing me to enter a narrative 'telling us more' about the item's quality, condition, value, appearance and shipping speed (500 characters allowed).

The final item was a link allowing me to enter up to five photos, apparently to show the item purchased in all its glory.

Pretty standard fare, looks like something they 'cut and pasted' from one of the big boy's fancy websites. So first to make a fresh cup of coffee, then I'll sit down and rate my review of 'my most recent purchase'.

With coffee steaming happily away beside me, I'm ready to start my feedback. Item

number one: My experience with the hardware store. Since they don't give you a lot of wiggle room here, limiting you to positive/neutral/negative, and because I really like this store and their employees, I'm going to go with *positive*. Check. On to item two.

How do I rate my purchased item (one single solitary screw)? Well, let's see...it was shiny, probably chrome plated, and if so a real bargain at eight cents. The Phillips head was a solid size two; no slippage when I applied the proper screwdriver and the correct amount of torque. Plus, it was threaded correctly (lefty loosey, righty tighty), another check mark in its favor. So I will give it four out of five stars. Why only four if all was good? Sorry, I only give five stars when all is good AND they toss in a cup of coffee. Caffeine is life, after all.

Now for some fun: The narrative. Time to put some of the above thoughts to paper.

Quality: As per its very definition, it most definitely is a screw. When torque is applied clockwise, it screwed in; when applied counterclockwise, it screwed out. A screw by any other name...to paraphrase Shakespeare.

Condition: Sold as new, and it appears to be...new. Since the store only sells new (at least to my knowledge) and it was in a bin with hundreds of its apparent twins, all looking just a new as the one I chose, I'm going to go with... new.



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Value: A real bargain at the purchase price of eight cents...well, seven cents plus a contribution to the governor of our fine state. I felt that the price was so fair that I even 'rounded up' my change (two cents) to your current charity of choice. Extra cudos to your employee for suggesting the contribution, just in case one of your 'secret shoppers' was watching.

Appearance: This was the most favorable part of the whole transaction; ie. The bright, shiny gleam from the fluorescent lights made the screw almost dazzling in appearance, you could almost hear it whispering, "pick me, pick me". So, I did.

Finally, shipping speed: Here's where things slipped a bit, and the reason for only giving four stars instead of five. There was no actual shipping involved since this was a face-to-face transaction, but I was second-in-line and the old codger ahead of me appeared to be regurgitating his entire life story to the single clerk at the register. I understand, in a way, being retired myself, but come on, dude, some of us have places to go, people to see, babies to kiss, not to mention birdhouses to hang.

Finally, the option wherein I could add up to five photos. I couldn't decide on whether they wanted a picture of the screw nestled in the bin with all his/her siblings, a selfie of me and my new screw, or the screw doing its screw thing (holding up the birdhouse), so I decided to just skip this part. Also, forgetful me left my cell phone at home.

Sorry, getting a bit long winded here, so I think I'll continue this little ditty in Part Three. I know I said 'two parts', and to that I say: Remember the old joke about the genie granting the guy three wishes? The guy's first wish was,



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"I wish there were no more lawyers" to which the genie said, "Done. You now have no more wishes." The guy exclaimed, "But you said I had three wishes!" to which the genie replied, "So sue me!"

To be continued, yet again...



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SEPTEMBER 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
	1 Lasagna Soup House Salad Garlic Bread	2 Pulled Pork Sliders Butter Corn Tater Puffs	3 BBQ Chicken Wings Baked Beans Rice Pilaf Squash Medley	4 Chicken Tortilla Soup Chips/Salsa Broccoli Apple Salad
7 	8 Chicken Salad Sandwich Pasta Salad Fruit	9 Hamburger Stroganoff Rolls Broccoli Salad	10 Turkey on Rye Veggie Soup House Salad	11 Rock Fish House Salad Steak Fries
14 Ham & Bean Soup Cottage Cheese & Peaches Cornbread Muffin	15 Baked Potatoes Broccoli Rolls	16 Swedish Meatballs Pickled Beets Birthday Cake	17 Chef Salad Fruit Muffin 	18 Baked Ham Yams Corn
21 Tuna On Rye Muffin Fruit Hungarian Mushroom Soup	22 Fried Chicken Mash Potatoes Squash Medley	23 Chili Dog Steak Fries Carrot Salad	24 BBQ Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	25 Sloppy Joes Steak Fries Macaroni Salad
28 Chicken Caesar Salad Fruit Cup Muffin	29 Clam Chowder Seafood Salad Fruit Cup Muffin	30 Biscuit & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Sausage Link	1 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Mix Veggies Garlic Bread	2 Liver & Onions Mashed Potatoes Green Beans



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