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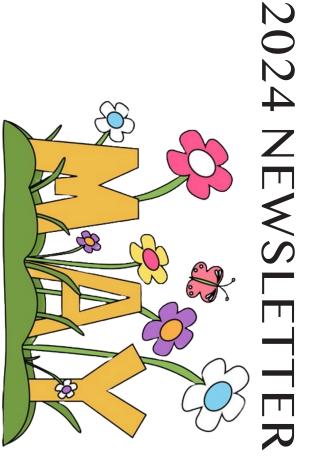
*Read this newsletter on our website! www.valdezseniorcenter.org

P. 907 - 835 - 5032 F. 907 - 835 - 2518

05/27 05/12 05/05 05/21 - VSC Closed **Memorial Day VSC Board Meeting** Mother's Day Cinco de Mayo 1:30pm

Monday - Friday **Office Hours** 8AM - 4PM

VALDEZ SENIOR CENTER, INC.



VSC BOARD MEMBERS

President: Steve Newcomer Elected 3 yrs; term ends in 2025

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Director: George Keeney Elected 3 yrs; term ends in 2027



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This agency is supported through funding from the Alaska Division of Senior and Disabilities Services, City of Valdez, Providence Alaska Foundation United Way, SOA Dept. of Transportation, and other generous donations. NEXT BOARD MEETING Valdez Senior Center - Tuesday -May 21, 2024 at 1:30PM.

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Physical Address

1300 E. Hanagita Street Valdez, Alaska 99686



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Website valdezseniorcenter.org





Meals On Wheels - Valdez

We deliver! Valdez Senior Center, Inc. works with Meals-on-Wheels to deliver daily meals for those 60 & older and those who are unable to leave their home and prepare meals. Are you or someone you know interested in joining? Apply at the Valdez Senior Center office.

Meals On The Go!

Enjoy pick up from our senior center kitchen.

Call before 2PM to place a pick up order for the following day!

Our menu is posted on our website, Facebook page, and in this newsletter!

*Keep in Touch-Menu & availability subject to change.



VSC Staff

Allie Steed Executive Director

Leslie Gross Office Manager

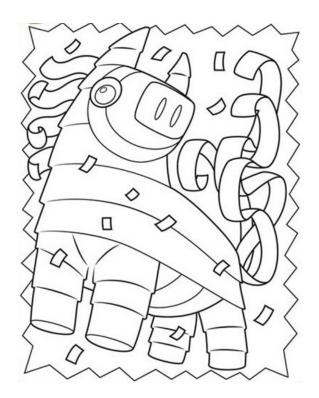
Paulena Arias Activities Coordinator & Office Assistant

Joe Suits Kitchen Supervisor

Eddie Hartleb Kitchen Assistant

Esther Erickson PCS Program Administrator

Bryan Tolle Driver & Custodian





ALLIE STEED

Hi everyone, I'm Allie!

I am so excited to be a part of the staff at the Senior Center. I'm lucky enough to have family in Valdez and after college I decided to come back home. I have spent the last year as the Director of the Sound Wellness Alliance Network (SWAN) and spending time with my grandmother, Mary Helen (some of you might recognize us from chair yoga!)

Some of my favorite things about the Senior Center are the gorgeous atrium, wonderful staff, and the community that is created here. I look forward to getting to know you all in the next few weeks and hope you'll introduce yourself next time you come in.



1-May Day 2-Brother & Sisters Day 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday) 4-Star Wars Day 5-Cinco De Mayo 5- Ramadan (varies) 6-National Nurses Day 8- No Socks Day 10- Clean Up Your Room Day 11- Eat What You Want Day 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday) 15- National Chocolate Chip Day 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday) 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday) 18-No Dirty Dishes Day 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day 21- Victoria Day (Canada) 22-National Buy A Musical instrument Day 23- Lucky Penny Day 25- National Brown Bag It Day 26-Sally Ride Day 27-Memorial Day (last Monday) 28-National Hamburger Day 30-Water a Flower Day SOFESTIVE.COM









Carole Derifield	5/07
Frederick Chute	5/08
Tierney Washington	5/15
Anita Carltikoff	5/20
Lavonne Kennedy	5/23
Debra Plant	5/24
Michael Bowden	5/26

"Hurray" - May!

May has come to the Northland And there is a big weather change Everything is greening up soon From Lowland to Mountain range.

Of course, the wildlife is in a frenzy Coming from nook and cranny galore Ready for the change that is happening And with it, good things in store.

Lots of folks are enjoying the outdoors soon And lovely scenery at hand Many visitors are coming to enjoy Our great Northern land.

Mother's Day will be on the 12th And mother's will be honoured here With many get-togethers For them that we hold dear.

The Senior Center is keeping busy With many seniors we know There should be many good activities For them to be kept on the go.

- Marie Blood, 2024



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Need Mail Pick Up?

VSC offers Mail Pick-Up!

Our driver can check your post office box for you and deliver your mail on Wednesdays & Fridays!

If interested, visit our front desk to drop off your mail key & fill out our address form!

Need A Ride?

Monday - Friday 9AM - 3PM

Our driver can pick you up & take you to your destination.

*Two rides a day per person. *Must call 24hrs in advanced to put in a reservation.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF Kay Clure

She is with me always.

She is with me every morning in the reflection in the mirror. She is with me every lap at he pool and walk on Blueberry. She is with me every Friday lunch and holiday bazaar.

She sends me her strength, I feel her approval. She sends me her guidance, I sense her pride in my path. She sends me her compassion, I spread it within my circle of influence.

I fiercely hold on to the memory of her touch; The sound of her voice, the laugh from her humor. I review that memory daily to keep it strong and vibrant.

I talk to her every day of simple things; I smile and chuckle as we would have together. I have no need to miss her, she is with me always.

- Cindy Butherus



Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2024 falls on Sunday, May 12. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

History of Mother's Day

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Ann Reeves Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children.

These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to



action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2.

Other early Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the 1870s. The duo of Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering, meanwhile, both worked to organize a Mothers' Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have even called Hering "the father of Mothers' Day."

Anna Jarvis Turns Mother's Day Into a National Holiday

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children.

After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood.

By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

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Friends of the Senior Center,

Please help us by completing the attached Consumer Characteristics and "Determine Your Nutritional Health" forms.

The grants we depend on require this information. If you benefit from or appreciate our services, completing these forms and returning them to us is the best way to show your gratitude.

Please drop off, fax, mail, or email your completed survey to Valdez Senior Center as soon as you can, and no later than June 15, 2024.

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Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

-Valdez Senior Center, Inc.

State of Alaska DHSS Division of Senior & Disabilities Services

Consumer Characteristics

Please complete this form annually for Registered Services under the Older Americans Act. Data is critical for Federal Title III and State Funds. Unauthorized use is strictly prohibited. Information is protected by Privacy and Security Agreements. Names and identifiers are not shared. Updated 11/17/2021

Basic Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Date of Birth	Form Date
Physical Address	City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (If different than physical)	City	State	Zip Code

Contact Information

Phone	Email		
Emergency Contact			
Name	Relationship	Phone	

Demographics

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Consumer Characteristics (Continued)

Ability and Assistance

If you use personal or stand-by assistance, supervision, or cues to perform the following activities please check the corresponding box. Check all that apply.

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)

- □ Preparing meals
- \Box Shopping for personal items
- □ Medication management
- □ Managing Money
- □ Using telephone
- □ Doing laundry
- □ Doing light housework
- □ Using available transportation

Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

- □ Feeding
- Dressing
- □ Continence
- □ Transferring in/out of bed/chair
- Bathing
- □ Toileting

Has Alzheimer's or Related Dementia/Disorder (ADRD):

Has Traumatic or Acquired Brain Injury (TABI):

Total score from Determine Your Nutritional Health (required for home delivered meals)

For Adult Day Services (ADS) Consumers Only

Indicate Payment Source:

Adult Day Services (ADS) Grant

Medicaid Waiver

Private Pay

The warning signs of poor nutritional health are often overlooked. Use this checklist to find out if you or someone you know is at nutritional risk.

Read the statements below. Circle the number in the yes column for those that apply to you or someone you know. For each yes answer, score the number in the box. Total your nutritional score.

Determine Your Nutritional Health

	YES
I have an illness or condition that made me change the kind and /or amount of food I eat.	2
I eat fewer than two meals per day.	3
I eat few fruits or vegetables, or milk products.	2
I have three or more drinks of beer, liquor or wine almost every day.	2
I have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard for me to eat.	2
I don't always have enough money to buy the food I need.	4
I eat alone most of the time.	1
I take three or more different prescribed or over-the-counter drugs a day.	1
Without wanting to, I have lost or gained 10 pounds in the last six months.	2
I am not always physically able to shop, cook and/or feed myself.	2
TOTAL	

Total your nutritional score. If it's --

- **Good!** Recheck your nutritional score in 6 months.
- 3-5 You are at moderate nutritional risk. See what can be done to improve your eating habits and lifestyle. Your office on aging, senior nutrition program, senior citizens center or health department can help. Recheck your nutritional score in 3 months.
- 6 or You are at high nutritional risk. Bring this checkmor
 e list the next time you see your doctor, dietitian or other qualified health or social service professional. Talk with them about any problems you may have. Ask for help to improve your nutritional health.

Remember that warning signs suggest risk, but do not represent diagnosis of any condition. Turn the page to learn more about the Warning Signs of poor nutritional health.

The Nutrition Checklist is based on the warning signs described below. Use the word <u>DETERMINE</u> to remind you of the warning signs.

Disease

Any disease, illness or chronic condition that causes you to change the way you eat, or makes it hard for you to eat, puts your nutritional health at risk. Four out of five adults have chronic diseases that are affected by diet. Confusion or memory loss that keeps getting worse is estimated to affect one out of five or more of older adults. This can make it hard to remember what, when or if you've eaten. Feeling sad or depressed, which happens to about one in eight older adults, can cause big changes in appetite, digestion, energy level, weight and well-being.

Eating Poorly

Eating too little and eating too much both lead to poor health. Eating the same foods day after day or not eating fruit, vegetables and milk products daily will also cause poor nutritional health. One in five adults skips meals daily. Only 13 percent of adults eat the minimum amount of fruits and vegetables needed. One in four older adults drinks too much alcohol. Many health problems become worse if you drink more than one or two alcoholic beverages per day.

ooth Loss/Mouth Pain

A healthy mouth, teeth and gums are needed to eat. Missing, loose or rotten teeth or dentures which don't fit well or cause mouth sores make it hard to eat.

Economic Hardship

As many as 40 percent of older Americans have incomes of less than \$6,000 per year. Having less-or choosing to spend less--than \$25 to \$30 per week for food makes it very hard to get the foods you need to stay healthy.

Reduced Social Contact

One-third of all older people live alone. Being with people daily has a positive effect on morale, well-being and eating.

Multiple Medicines

Many older Americans must take medicines for health problems. Almost one half of older Americans take multiple medicines daily. Growing old may change the way we respond to drugs. The more medicines you take, the greater the chance for side effects such as increased or decreased appetite, change in taste, constipation, weakness, drowsiness, diarrhea, nausea and others. Vitamins or minerals when taken in large doses act like drugs and can cause harm. Alert your doctor to everything you take.

nvoluntary Weight Loss/Gain

Losing or gaining a lot of weight when you are not trying to do so is an important warning sign that must not be ignored. Being overweight or underweight also increases your chance of poor health.

Needs Assistance in Self Care

Although most older people are able to eat, one of every five has trouble walking, shopping, buying and cooking food, especially as they get older.

Elder Years Above Age 80

Most older people lead full and productive lives. But as age increases, risk of frailty and health problems increase. Checking you nutritional health regularly makes good sense.

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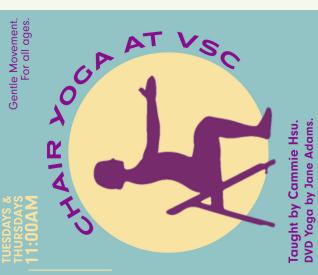
Activities	• Chair Yoga 11:00AM Gentle Movement for all ranges. Twice a week with Cammie Hsu.	. All ages welcomed.	Gentle Movement for all ranges. DVD while our yoga instructor is away. Join this fun group! All ages welcomed.	• Tea & Puzzles 1:00PM Bring a tea, drink our tea! Bring a friend, meet a new friend! Seniors and friends are welcomed to play jigsaw, crossword, sudoku	puzzles and more! • Mahjong 1:00PM Mahjong is a tile-based game. It is usually played by four players, who try to form sets and pairs of	tiles. Bring a snack to share. • Chess Club 5:30PM Join VSC & PVCC in playing chess. All ages welcomed.	• ASL Beginner 1:00PM Learn or practice American Sign Language in a group setting. Conducted by Kellie Hales.	2024
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Wednesdays at 1:00PM

It is usually played by four players, who try to form sets and pairs of Mahjong is a tile-based game. tiles. Bring a snack to share.















April 29 - May 13 - May 27

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Valdez Senior Centel











-earn or practice *Free for all ages. American Sign Language in a group setting. Conducted by Kellie Hales.

Valdez Senior Center

Thursdays - 1:00 PM

1300 E. Hanagita Street



PLEASE JOIN US IN CREATING THROUGH PAINTING, SKETCHING & MORE!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOMED.

May 1, 2024

May 15, 2024

May 29, 2024

4:00PM - 6:00PM IKE WOODMAN RECREATION CENTER 414 HANAGITA STREET VALDEZ, AK



CROCHET CLUB

VALDEZ COUNSELING CENTER TUESDAYS 12PM - 1PM

ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE WELCOME.

Materials are provided but feel free to bring your own project

PVCC PRESENTS



All members of the community are invited to a night full of games and prizes!

May 03, 2024 May 17, 2024 May 31, 2024

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Ike Woodman Recreation Center 414 W Hanagita St, Valdez, AK

PVCC PRESENTS CRIBBAGE CLUB



EVERY 5:30PM THURSDAY 7:30PM LOCATED AT THE WEATHERED ANCHOR





VALDEZ SENIORS Columbia glacier tour

MAY 20 MONDAY MAY 24 FRIDAY

MAY 27 MONDAY

MAY 28 TUESDAY

MAY 31 FRIDAY Stan Stephens is offering a special rate to take up to
15 members of the Valdez Senior Center
on their Columbia Glacier tour on select dates!
Reservations & payment accepted in cash to VSC.



\$36/Senior (up to 2x wheelchairs a day)

Call VSC to book! 835 - 5032

CRUISE THE MAJESTIC WATERS OF PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND WITH STAN STEPHENS CRUISES

Equipment Loan Program

Some people need expensive equipment that health insurance may not fully cover, or that they may only use for a short period of time. Connections To Care, Inc. has a loan closet that provides adaptive equipment to individuals to increase their safety and independence in their homes and the community. This program allows for you to borrow our equipment free of charge. We only ask that you return the item(s) after use!

- Crutches
- Canes
- Walkers
- Shower Chairs
- Shower Benches
- Shower Handles
- Raised Toilet Seats
- Wheelchairs
- Bladder Control Pads
- All sizes of Depends
- Donut Cushions
- Knee Scooters
- Bed Pads
- Hospital Beds
- Injury Braces
- More...!

Connections to Care, Inc. 907 - 255 - 2356





Pickup Location: The Valdez Senior Center, Inc. **1300 E. Hanagita Valdez, Alaska**

Valdez Senior Center, Inc. offers Personal Care Services



Services include help with:

- Daily Activities. (Bathing, eating, oral hygiene, light cooking, etc.)
- Light housekeeping duties.
- Ambulatory help. (Assistance to/from bed, wheelchair, vehicle, etc.)
- Transportation.
- Social Security Assistance.
- Medicaid Assistance.
- Medical Equipment Loans.

Services can be provided in your home by a Personal Care Assistant with support from the Valdez Senior Center, Inc. Eligibility requirements apply.





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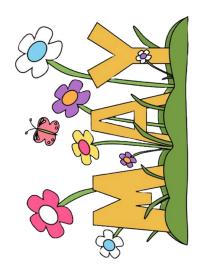
Dine - In Monday - Friday at 12PM. To Go Meals - Must be placed a day in advanced.

Visit our website for updates.

Suggested Donation:

\$10-\$12: 59 & Under.

FRIDAY	3 • Pot Roast • Carrots • Potatoes	10 • Chicken Alfredo • Garlic Bread	17 •Chicken Cordon Bleu •Wild Rice	24 • Scrambled Egg • Hashbrowns • Biscuits & Gravy	31 • Beef Stew • Rice
THURSDAY	2 • Grilled Ham & Cheese • Potato Wedges	9 • Cheeseburger • Tater Tots	16 • Beef Stirfry	23 • Chili • Cornbread	30 • Tuna Salad Sandwich • Coleslaw
WEDNESDAY	1 . Halibut Olympia . Turkey Stuffing . Greenbeans	8 • Pork Loin • Rice • Broccoli	15 • Baked Salmon • Rice • Broccoli	22 • Spaghetti • Garlic Bread	29 • Beef or Chicken Fajita • Rice
TUESDAY		7 • Honey Mustard Chicken Sandwich • Potatoes	14 • Monte Cristo • Tater tots	21 • Chicken Teriyaki • Rice	28 • Turkey Sandwich • Potato Salad • Coleslaw
MONDAY	*Menu is subject to change	6 • Baked Ham • Mashed Corn	13 • Turkey Stuffing • Corn	20 • Tuna Casserole • Green beans	27 VSC CLOSED Memorial Day



An NTS grant provides funds to cover a portion of the lunch cost to seniors.

To Reheat Meals:

Remove all food from styrofoam containers. Reheat food to 165°F. Bring soup or gravy to a rolling boil. Store food in a refrigerator at 40° F or below. *Leaving food out causes bacteria growth & illness.

