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## NICE CATCH



PHOTO BY AMY WOODRUFF

Butch Knutson fishing with Travis Blount on Homer Ocean Charters.

# Wyoming angler takes lead in Jackpot Derby

*Butch Knutson lands  
189.6-pound halibut*

BY TOMMY WELLS  
The Homer Tribune

Butch Knutson moved a step closer to a becoming an Alaska fishing legend this past week. The Gillette, Wyoming, fisherman moved to the top of the leaderboard in the 2019

Homer Jackpot Halibut Derby by landing a fish that weighed in at just under 200 pounds.

Knutson, who was fishing with Capt. Travis Blount of Homer Ocean Charters on the Diamond Cate, landed a 189.6-pound halibut on June 26.

Knutson's catch easily bettered the previous leader, David Hosang, who landed a 140.6-pounder on June 1. Hosang, a resident of

Bedford, New Hampshire, was fishing aboard the Sea Predator with Captain Cory DeCook.

The Homer Jackpot Halibut Derby, the longest halibut derby in the state, runs through Sept. 15.

Knutson's catch is far short of the winning mark set last year by Canadian angler Ashley Camp. The Vancouver, British Columbia, fisherman won the 2018 event with a catch of 221.4 pounds.

# Islands & Ocean celebrates marine mammals

*Educational events  
slated for this weekend*

The Homer Tribune

Discover the marine mammals of Kachemak Bay and the critically endangered Gulf of California vaquita porpoise during Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's two-day Marine Mammal Awareness Weekend. Events are planned for July 6 and 7 at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

Meet the vaquita, the world's most endangered marine mammal, on International Save the Vaquita Day, July 6. Known as Mexico's "panda of the sea," this critically endangered population of 10 animals, found only in Mexico's northern Gulf of California, will be explored through a documentary followed by presentations.

On Sunday, find out what is currently happening in Kachemak Bay. From 1-4 p.m., local naturalists and scientists will offer presentations on whales, otters, porpoises and more.

Learn more through a discovery lab with family activities, films and crafts. The discovery lab will be open both days from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, visit Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's Facebook page.

# Firefighters continue to battle Swan Lake blaze

*Fire north of Sterling  
grows to 70,000 acres*

BY TOMMY WELLS  
The Homer Tribune

Despite warm weather and drier conditions over the weekend, firefighters continued to try and bring the Swan Lake fire under control. The fire, which is located north of Sterling, had grown to more than 70,000 acres as of Monday.

According to Alaska firefighter reports, the fire lines north of Sterling community were tested as fire activity picked up. Fueled by warm weather conditions, the blaze is moving northeast. Through Monday, state officials said about 15 percent of the blaze is contained.



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA WHITING

Swan Lake fire view from the Sterling Highway on June 26. Left, fire danger signs near the Swan Lake fire area.



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News briefs & announcements

### Free sports physicals offered

Homer Medical Center is offering free sports physicals at a one-day clinic on July 20 for high school students who need a physical for participation in school sanctioned activities. This is a walk-in clinic, and no appointments are necessary. Exams are offered from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Homer Medical Center clinic at 4136 Bartlett Street. Exams are offered free of charge by providers from Homer Medical Center.

Parents are asked to complete the history form and, if applicable, the special needs supplemental form and bring this entire document with them to the clinic. The forms can be found at [homermedical.org](http://homermedical.org) or by stopping by the clinic. All students must bring or wear loose fitting shorts for the screening.

Contact Homer Medical Center at (907) 235-8586 for additional information.

### Free help for children's speech and language development

South Peninsula Hospital's certified speech therapist Ashley Brasfield will offer a free family-friendly event that focuses on children's speech and language development. Brasfield has a master of science degree in speech-language pathology from the University of North Carolina.

Join Brasfield on July 9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Homer Public Library to learn techniques for reading aloud to your child, and simple at-home strategies for improved speech and language development of children ages 3 and up. Learn about the value of speech-language assessments, and how speech therapy might make a difference in your child's development. Contact the rehabilitation department at (907) 235-0970 for more information.

### IN THE MARKET FOR MUSIC



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA WHITING

The KP Brass Band performs at the Homer Farmers Market

### Troopers boost presence on waterways as part of boating safety drive

Don't boat buzzed. That's a safety message Alaska State Troopers want to make clear as brown shirts, blue shirts, and the U.S. Coast Guard team up July 4-7 to increase their presence on popular lakes and waterways around the state. The heightened patrols are part of Operation Dry Water, a national campaign to enhance recreational boating safety and prevent boating-related injuries or deaths.

"It's our job to keep Alaskans safe," said Alaska Wildlife Troopers Capt. Rex Leath, "so we're going to be out there delivering our safety message and keeping a sharp lookout for people operating boats while impaired."

Alaska's laws prohibiting the operation of boats while intoxicated — along with associated penalties, including stiff fines and mandatory jail time — are the same as those governing driving while impaired. In addition to discouraging people from drinking or partaking of other mind-altering substances while operating boats, patrols will also be keeping an eye out for required safety equipment.

### You-Can-Make-A-Difference-At-The-Border fundraiser set for July 11

There will be a You-Can-Make-A-Difference-At-The-Border fundraiser from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on July 11 at Grace Ridge Brewing, 3388 B St., off Ocean Drive.

The event will provide several ways individuals can help make life better for those at the border who are seeking a better life in the United States:

- Buy a taco or drink a beer, or both, with \$1 for every taco sold and \$1 for every pint sold going to help organizations providing aid to those detained at the border.
- Learn how to make much needed hygiene kits or donate to the hygiene kit project. There will be an opportunity to put the kits together later this summer. The goal is to send 400 kits from Homer. The kits will be distributed to transitional centers along the border.
- Meet Homer resident Lucas Wilcox, founder of the nonprofit organization Altruist Relief Kitchens, or ARK. Wilcox and ARK volunteers spent four months feeding refugees in Tijuana, Mexico. Talk to Wilcox about what he's seen and what the needs are.
- Write to elected leaders encouraging change at the border.

## Preparing kids for Reading & Writing?

Have questions about your child's speech or listening skills?

**Join Ashley Brasfield, Certified Speech Therapist from SPH, for a free family event to:**

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- » Get simple at-home strategies and tips for speech and language development.
- » Sign up your children for speech-language assessments.

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# FINANCIAL Focus

by Edward Jones

Matthew North  
Financial Advisor

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## Work toward your own financial Independence Day

Once again, it's time for fireworks, picnics and parades as the nation celebrates Independence Day. Collectively, we enjoy many liberties, but some freedoms can be elusive – and financial freedom is one of them. What actions can you take to help yourself eventually declare your own financial independence?

For starters, you'll want to determine what financial independence means to you. Is it the liberty to meet all your cash flow needs? The freedom to retire comfortably, at the age you choose? The ability to set up the kind of legacy you'd like to leave? If any or all of these things are important to you, consider the following suggestions:

Liberate yourself from oppressive debts. The cost of living is certainly not cheap, so it's hardly surprising that so many people incur significant debt. Yet, the higher your debt load, the less you'll have available to invest for the future. Debt might be one of the biggest barriers you face on the road to your financial independence. To avoid piling on too much debt, live within your means. Take steps such as saving for a vacation, rather than putting it all on your credit card, and getting just one more year out of that old car. Look for bargains everywhere – and find out what you can live without. And if you have sizable debts, see if you can consolidate them and lower your interest payments.

Free yourself from chaotic investing. The financial markets can be unpredictable – but that doesn't mean your investment moves have to be chaotic. So, for example, instead of responding to a sudden plunge in stock prices by selling stocks that still may be fundamentally sound with strong growth potential, you might be much better off by holding your ground. And you'll be in a better position to do nothing during periods of market volatility when you've already done something – namely, built an investment portfolio that reflects your goals, time horizon and risk tolerance. With this type of portfolio in place, you'll be in a good position to overlook the day-to-day fluctuations in the market and keep your focus on your long-term goals.

Unleash the potential in your retirement plan. Your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan is a great way to save for retirement. You can contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. (With a Roth 401(k), you put in after-tax dollars, but your withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) But despite these tax advantages, your 401(k)'s full potential won't be realized unless you fund it adequately. Try to contribute as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions as your salary goes up. Another way to unclog your 401(k)'s potential is by choosing appropriate investments. Your 401(k) likely contains a dozen or more investment options, so you'll want a mix that offers the greatest possibilities for growth within the context of your personal risk tolerance.

Gaining your financial independence requires time and commitment. But once you've achieved this freedom, you'll know it was worth the effort. And who knows? You might even want to wave a sparkler or two to celebrate.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Community members and visitors enjoy a sunny day at the Homer Farmers Market.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINA WHITING

## Medicaid waiver provides for better substance use disorder treatment

The Homer Tribune

With the implementation of a new Medicaid demonstration waiver project that takes effect July 1, Alaska's health care providers will gain more flexibility and new tools to address addiction and substance misuse problems in Alaska. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Section 1115 waiver is a key strategy in an ongoing redesign of Alaska's behavioral health system.

Beginning next month, under a federally-approved program known as a Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Project, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services will be allowed to waive some Medicaid rules to cover more substance use disorder services for Alaskans.

"These changes will go a long way toward rebalancing Alaska's behavioral health system which will decrease our use of acute, costly services while improving our ability to intervene earlier with Alaskans who are struggling with addiction," said Deputy Commissioner Albert Wall. "The 1115 waiver makes it possible for providers to offer more community-based treatment options and local resources that help support recovery, health and wellness."

High rates of substance use disorders — which includes misuse of opioids, alcohol and other harmful drugs — have long been a problem in Alaska. The waiver will help address gaps in services for this vulnerable population by providing Medicaid coverage for additional prevention efforts, treatment services and recovery supports.

The goal is to identify individuals who need help before they are in crisis; match them to services based on their individual needs; increase access to treatment in communities across Alaska; and improve the skills, knowledge and capacity of health care professionals providing addiction treatment.

The implementation plan for the waiver aims to make

these changes within Alaska:

- Screen all Medicaid recipients for substance use disorder to allow for early access to needed services.
- Match individuals with substance use disorder with the appropriate level of services and tools necessary for recovery according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria.
- Increase the range and number of treatment options for youth and adults to include community-based services available in more regions of Alaska, early intervention and treatment, and supports for those recovering from addiction.
- Improve the infrastructure and capacity of health care providers to offer services based on certification and accountability standards.
- Enhance certification and credentialing standards for professionals working in SUD (Residential Substance Use Disorder).

The ability to bill for these new services through Medicaid will be phased in over time with eligible health care providers who have received certification from the Division of Behavioral Health. The division is providing ongoing guidance to interested health care providers about these changes, as well as offering technical assistance on billing procedures, rates and regulations.

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## Dunleavy versus Alaska Legislature: Who will step back from the brink?

Alaska's future is in as precarious a place as ever. A host of huge, existential questions face the state and its residents: How best to close a deficit of nearly \$2 billion per year? Should the state continue to pay its residents thousands of dollars apiece each fall as state services face big cuts? How can we protect a fragile economic recovery as oil revenues and related jobs continue a slow decline? With revenue scarce, how can the state muster funds to pay for a capital budget that will keep infrastructure from falling into disrepair? Is there a viable solution to develop Alaska's vast natural gas reserves?

The backdrop as these questions await an answer this year is similarly grave: An operating budget wasn't passed until mid-June and wasn't approved by the governor until three days before a government shutdown — with hundreds of millions of dollars in line-item vetoes that illustrate just how far apart Alaskans' visions for the state are.

No capital budget has yet been passed, with hundreds of millions of dollars in federal highway money and other funds hanging in the balance.

There has been no allocation yet for the Permanent Fund divi-

dend, and no path to compromise on its amount. Next year's education funding is in jeopardy because of a constitutional separation-of-powers fight between Gov. Mike Dunleavy and the Legislature.

Given the magnitude of the challenges Alaska faces, an optimistic person might expect our elected leaders to look past their differences and hammer out a compromise on the essential items left on the legislative docket — and have the hard discussions needed to find answers for the questions before us.

The past several years of failure to deal with Alaska's problems have beaten the optimism out of most of us. And this year is no exception.

Instead of settling on a dividend amount and approving a capital budget, what are our elected representatives doing? Fighting over the location of the next special session and threatening lawsuits at every turn.

The Legislature is planning to sue the governor over his refusal to turn over education funds allocated a year in advance in a bill passed during the last legislative session.

For his part, Gov. Dunleavy is



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threatening to sue legislators and send law enforcement after them if they don't report to Wasilla on July 8, as called for in his special session proclamation.

Legislators are planning an alternate special session in Juneau and Anchorage despite not having enough support to do so, and the governor's choice of Wasilla Middle School as a venue is a transparent ploy to force legislators to meet where his support is strongest, despite its clear deficiencies as a venue, high costs and the lack of easy in-person or electronic access for the vast majority of Alaskans.

The maneuvering by both Gov. Dunleavy and the Legislature is political, it's cynical, it's power-hungry and it's hurting Alaska.

What our state needs now is practicality and pragmatism, not posturing and partisanship. And sadly, though Alaska's politicians have been happy to indulge their base impulses, they have done so at the loud urging of Alaskans who believe that those who hold differing political views are ignorant, malicious or both.

The fact of the matter is that if Alaska is to have a future we want to live in, it won't happen through one side always getting its way. Alaska's problems will remain insoluble if lawmakers remain entrenched and unwilling to compromise on even minor items.

What is required of lawmakers now is for some to step up and be the bigger men and women, to reach out and work with each other to find solutions rather than trying to score points with their most radical supporters.

But that won't happen unless their constituents tell them, clearly and emphatically, that it's what Alaskans expect. We Alaskans should tell them that. We should tell them now.

Because of intransigence and brinksmanship, Alaska came within three days of a government shutdown this year. We deserve better from our elected leaders.

Who among them will step back, remove the chips from their shoulders and do the job Alaskans expect?

*Editorial opinions are those of the Anchorage Daily News editorial board, which welcomes responses from readers and a broad range of viewpoints. Editorial board members*

## Dunleavy: If judges demand abortion, make them pay for it

Friday, June 28, was a remarkable day in Alaska political history — and not just because Governor Mike Dunleavy honored a key campaign promise by vetoing more than \$444 million from the state budget.

The governor also had to contend with an absurd decision from the Alaska Supreme Court ordering the state to pay for elective abortions. The court's ruling, handed down this past February, struck down both a 2013 regulation issued by the Parnell Administration, and a 2014 statute passed by the Legislature, which attempted to cut off funding for elective abortions.

Despite the Supreme Court's ruling, the Legislature chose this year to pass an operating budget that expressly forbids funding of abortion. The amendment deleted \$334,700 from the general fund budget, the amount the state spent in Fiscal Year 2018 on abortions.

Faced with a court order to continue paying for abortions, Governor Dunleavy came up with a unique response. He decided that if liberal judges are going to demand subsidized abortions, the cost will come out of their budget.

Among the many budget vetoes Governor Dunleavy announced on June 28, there is included a reduction of \$334,700 in the Alaska Court System's budget

— exactly the reduction the Legislature approved when it adopted language to eliminate abortion funding.

Lest anyone be confused on the governor's intent, he explained it concisely in his veto message: "The Legislative and Executive Branch are opposed to State funded elective abortions: the only branch of government that insists on State funded elective abortions is the Supreme Court. The annual cost of elective abortions is reflected by this reduction. The Federal Government also prohibits any federal funds paying for elective abortions."

The Alaska Supreme Court has a long history of extremist rulings on abortion. But until today, they never suffered any real consequences for it. Now they will start feeling the pain of their own arrogance. Every dollar the state spends on killing unborn children will be cut from their budget.



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GOV. MIKE DUNLEAVY  
For the Homer Tribune

At the risk of stating the obvious, the governor's action is no long-term solution. Ultimately, our goal must be to ensure that no agency

of state government is paying even one cent to destroy life. The best way to accomplish this permanently is to amend our constitution to make it abundantly clear there is no right in the state constitution for abortion, or abortion funding.

But while we work on that long-term goal, the governor deserves credit for calling out the court on their radical record. In defiance of the constitution, liberal justices have pretended they have the power to appropriate money, even though appropriation power is expressly reserved to the Legislature.

Now they will deal with the consequences of exceeding their authority. As we read in the book of Proverbs (16:18), "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Send a message to Gov. Mike Dunleavy to thank him for his line-item veto to the court budget.

## LETTER

### Open letter to Assembly

The Assembly is at it again. Last month it voted to move the mayor's report to the end of the meeting just to mess with the mayor. Now, assembly member Kelly Cooper and a co-sponsor Hal Smalley are seeking to change the Kenai Peninsula Borough to a manager form of government.

Their reason is personal; they do not like our current mayor. It's personal politics, which does not make good legislation. This change to a manager form of government would make it so the people of the borough will no longer vote for our chief administrator (your mayor). With the Cooper/Smalley plan, five assembly people, would pick your chief administrator.

The power, the vote and will of the people will be gone. A select group of five people allowing one hired manager to decide the future of you and your family is not good.

We will not surrender our right to vote, it is a basic tenet of American democracy. Please, email, call and show up to assembly meetings to get our message out there. Our vote is important and we oppose Ordinance 2019-16.

**John Quick**  
**Nikiski**



# Pink salmon catches blast record out of the water

*All those pink salmon could face stiff headwinds from Russia in global markets*

The biggest fish story for Alaska's salmon season so far is the early plug of pinks at the South Alaska Peninsula. By June 28, over 8 million pink salmon were taken there out of a statewide catch of just over 8.5 million. Previously, a catch of 2.5 million pinks at the South Peninsula in 2016 was the record for June and last year's catch was just 1.7 million. Managers at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Sand Point said at this pace, this month's catch could near 10 million pinks.

"It's unheard of, really," ADF&G's Elisabeth Fox told KDLG radio.

Typically, pink salmon return to the South Peninsula region in July and managers believe the earlier arrivals are not homing in on local streams.

"We don't know where these pinks are going," Fox said.

No tagging studies have been done on the pinks passing through, but they could be headed further north to Norton Sound where record numbers also have shown up for the past few years.

"There is no known link between South Peninsula pinks and Norton Sound," Jim Menard, Area Manager for ADF&G in Nome, told SeafoodNews.com.

You can track Alaska's daily salmon catches by region and species with ADF&G's Blue Sheet. There are also in-season summaries that graph the weekly progression of commercial salmon harvests and compare it with five-year averages.

## Pink pressure

All those pink salmon could face stiff headwinds from Russia in global markets. Alaska projects a total catch of nearly 138

million pinks this summer, 97 million more than last year, and Russian fleets expect another huge haul.

"If Alaska and Russia both realize their forecasts it will be interesting to see how the market reacts," said economist Garrett Evridge with the McDowell Group.

Just how big might Russia's pink salmon catch be?

"Russia is anticipating a harvest in line with last year which was a record. It was over 1 billion pounds," Evridge said. "For context, in 2018 Alaska harvested about 150 million pounds."

Speaking of Russia — we're into the fifth year of an embargo that Russia put on U.S. seafood and other food purchases in 2014 to retaliate for alleged U.S. meddling in Ukraine affairs.

That's been an annual loss of over \$60 million to Alaska, mostly for salmon roe sales to Russia, which had grown by 222 percent in 2013, according to the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

Meanwhile, the U.S. continues to buy increasing amounts of seafood from Russia, mostly king crab, snow crab and sockeye salmon. Trade data show the U.S. bought \$51 million of Russian-caught seafood in 2018.

## Dunleavy déjà vu

On Friday, Mike Dunleavy cut an additional \$444 million from Alaska's State Operating Budget. All the amendments that the legislature had added back into the original Fish and Game budget were vetoed.

There is a gag order on fisheries staff at ADF&G and no one is allowed to talk about the budget cuts. All questions are referred to "the governor's administration."

United Fishermen of Alaska provided this initial breakdown:



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## Shuckin' time

One of Alaska's most exclusive fisheries gets underway on July 1 — weathervane scallops. Just two boats take part in the fishery, which spans from Yakutat to the Bering Sea.

"It's not something you can get into easily," said Nat Nichols, area shellfish manager at ADF&G in Kodiak. "It takes a fair bit of institutional knowledge and also specialized gear. Lots of people have some Tanner crab pots lying around but not many have a 15 foot New Bedford scallop dredge in their back yards."

The scallop fishery also is very labor intensive as it includes crews of up to 12 people who catch and shuck the catch.

"Every Alaska scallop you've ever seen was shucked by hand," Nichols said.

This year the two boats will compete for 267,000 pounds of shucked meats, which are the adductor muscle that keeps the shells closed. They are a wildly popular delicacy and can pay fishermen \$6 to \$10 a pound, depending on size and grade.

Scallop boats drop big dredges that make tows along mostly sandy bottoms of strictly defined fishing regions. The fishery is co-managed with the federal government and has 100 percent observer coverage. It takes a scallop around five years to be large enough to retain in the fishery.

Weathervane scallops are the largest in the world and their shells can measure 8 to 10 inches across.

## Get thee to a DMV!

A request by United Fishermen of Alaska to postpone a new state title and registration law that requires fishing vessels, tenders, barges and sport fish boats to register at the Department of Motor Vehicles was denied by Department of Administration's Commissioner Kelley Tshibaka.

Here's the breakdown from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission:

Undocumented vessels without a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard must continue to be registered with the DMV and now must ALSO be titled with the DMV.

Documented vessels with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the USCG now must ALSO be registered with the DMV. Federally documented vessels are exempt from the new title requirements but are no longer exempt from the DMV registration requirement.

## Fish movers

Alaskans Cora Campbell and Nicole Kimball have been named to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council by the U.S. Commerce Secretary. The NPFMC oversees over 25 Alaska fisheries from 3 to 200 miles from shore.

Campbell is a former ADF&G commissioner and current CEO of Silver Bay Seafoods, a company started by fishermen in Sitka in 2007 that has grown to become one of Alaska's largest seafood companies.

Kimball served for many years as federal fisheries coordinator for ADF&G and is currently vice president of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association that has represented Alaska seafood companies since 1914.

Both will serve three-year terms that begin on Aug. 11.

# State supports keeping Alaskans safe, informed by funding public radio

From Utqiagvik, to Ketchikan, some 30,000 Alaskans are members of their local radio or TV public broadcasting stations. Many local and statewide businesses support public broadcasting through underwriting the cost of delivering quality programming.

And the entire public broadcasting system is an economic engine — supporting 368 full and part-time jobs in small communities such as Bethel and Sitka, to the cities of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

Reliant on state funding decades ago, the system managers have worked hard to diversify the revenue stream — especially after the Alaska Legislature cut almost half of the funding to public broadcasting during the recession in 2016. In fact, the state portion is now just 11% of total funding.

After the 45% cut, there were layoffs, cuts in programming and increased efficiencies through new collaboration among stations. For example, CoastAlaska has linked Southeast Alaska radio stations into a cost-saving model that allows critical resources to stay at the community radio stations. All stations have soldiered on — with an army of thousands of volunteers and a lean professional staff providing thousands of hours of local news, weather, fishing and hunting openings and closures, plus educational and public affairs programming to their communities.

The 27 radio stations and four TV stations also form an important link in the state of

Alaska Emergency Alert System, which is critical for communities impacted by earthquakes, tsunamis and other potential life-threatening disasters. Reliable, timely coverage can save lives.

It's clear that everyone — from residents, to businesses, to our state and federal governments are all key partners that keep Alaskans connected, informed and safe.

This year the Legislature approved level funding — \$2.7 million, that will be divided among the stations. Across party lines, lawmakers recognize and value the work being done on behalf of Alaskans. But the word on the street is that Gov. Michael J. Dunleavy will veto the entire amount.

But we remain optimistic. As a former educator, Gov. Mike Dunleavy lived in Kotzebue and knows how KOTZ AM radio has been a cornerstone for that town and the surrounding villages for decades. The news important to rural communities is not covered well from urban areas. When a 10-year-old girl went missing last year, Kotzebue residents relied on local radio, with support from Alaska Public Media reporters, to stay informed and then stayed connected through the grief of finding the murdered victim and the knowledge that the story and its aftermath would continue to be covered locally, long after the TV cameras had left the scene.



BY THE ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION  
For the Homer Tribune

Gov. Dunleavy knows that Alaska citizens can engage with state government through live television coverage broadcast statewide during the legislative session. And he saw the impact of the Anchorage earthquake and the critical need for reliable,

accurate information for citizens during a disaster.

Last week, public radio and TV station managers participated in our annual meeting and shared with us the impact of losing the modest state grants should the money be vetoed.

Despite station collaboration, increased local fundraising, partnering with businesses and cutting costs to the bone, an additional cut by the state will have the greatest impact on medium-sized stations who must meet stringent federal requirements in order to access federal funds. Losing positions and cutting programming weakens a proven, economical communication system that brings Alaskans together every day with information that matters.

Our job is to allocate the modest amount of state funds approved by the Legislature. We have done so in good faith and look forward to completing that task July 1.

*The Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission is comprised of Carl Berger and Lisa Simpson, Co-chairs, Leo Luczak, AnnaBell Stevens, Marc Wheeler, Claire Richardson and Mindy O'Neill.*

# LETTER

## Festival gives back

Salmonfest continues to bring Alaskans together for the music, fun, and friends. However, the underlying rallying cry is for salmon and the waters and wilds that sustain the precious species. It's a priority for Salmonfest to distribute proceeds in an effort to keep conservation work going.

Salmonfest, which takes place Aug. 2-4 in Ninilchik, is honored to continue helping. Contributions of over \$35,000 were delivered to organizations on the front lines to preserve and protect Alaskan salmon. Since 2015, the festival has donated over \$100,000 to Alaska's premier salmon and environmental conservation organizations. Salmonfest's longstanding sponsors and beneficiaries include: Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, and Cook Inletkeeper, two long standing Homer-based nonprofit organizations that seek to educate the public, and both protect and promote Alaska's fish filled waters. This year, another 501C3, ARCHES Alaska, will provide stewardship of the festival.

Major beneficiaries include Alaskans Know Climate Change, Musicians United to Protect Bristol Bay, United Tribes of Bristol Bay, and Stand for Salmon. Other organizations that have received donations from Salmonfest include: 4 Valleys Community School, Alaska Sudan Medical Project for Clean Water, Taste of Kenai, Public Radio stations KDLL, KBBI, KNBA, KMXT, KVMR, Ninilchik Chamber of Commerce, Homer Library, Ninilchik School Basketball teams, Pier One Theater, August Fund (Iditarod Dog Rescue), Stanislaus River Museum, and Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds.

**Salmonfest organizers**



## Meet Your Neighbor

# Entrepreneurs channel Earth's healing powers

*New business offers variety of body and home products*

BY CHRISTINA WHITING  
The Homer Tribune

Inspired by the healing powers of the ocean and the towering pine trees of their youth, Holly and Jesse Sanger recently opened SALT | PINE — Botanical Alchemy and Curiosities, offering the community a variety of body and home products that channel the healing powers of the earth.

"Everything in the store will help heal your body, spirit or sacred space," Holly said. "All of the items are carefully curated with the intent of infusing some aspect of physical or spiritual healing into your life. From the soothing minerals in our herbal salt soak blends to the comfy home accents, like our whimsical throw pillows and our breathtakingly beautiful, but powerful, healing crystal obelisks and clusters."

With a goal of offering clean lines, neutral colors and organic materials and ingredients, the couple is eager to help bring beauty, harmony and healing to others. They carry natural artisan bath items, healing crystals, jewelry, artwork, books, and more.

Their skin and bath products include crystal facial rollers, face oils, toners, salt soaks, body scrubs, natural artisanal bar soaps, natural sponges, raw silk wash cloths, massage oil candles, beard oils, natural deodorants, perfumes, body sprays and more. The couple purchases the items from small batch artisans nationally and Holly brands them for display and sale. All bath and body products are chosen and tested by Holly prior to carrying in-store. Her favorite product in the skin and bath line is the crystal facial roller used in conjunction with the rosehip and lavender face oil.

"The crystal rollers are not just a trend hype — this product is truly a must-have product for increased blood circulation, lymphatic drainage, reduction in fine lines and easing headaches or sinus issues," she said.

A recently retired Arizona police sergeant and experienced construction worker, Jesse has long had a passion for working with concrete. Today, his functional sculpture vessels, concrete pieces that merge the organic elements of nature with the rawness of concrete, are available at SALT | PINE. These concrete creations can be used as dishes, bowls or vessels and are infused with crystals and/or items from nature, such as locally-sourced birch bark and moss.

"These vessels bring an element of organic beauty into one's home," Jesse said. "People who buy them often use them as a catch-all for their crystals, candles, beach treasures, keys or jewelry, or simply as a simplistic sculptural component for their home."

The couple carries more than a dozen different shapes and sizes of Jesse's concrete vessels, from the minimalist organic beauty of plain concrete to painted, crystal or nature-infused variations. One example is his purple amethyst crystal-infused Mother Moon vessel, which helps to provide a sense of calm and balance.

Their candles are a favorite with locals and visitors alike, and are all natural, all non-genetically modified, and vegan, soy-based, coconut-based and infused with essential oils. The couple sources these items from other small businesses. The Moody Moon Magic collection candles are popular with their customers and, in addition to smelling delicious, have a mystical edge, poured under the moon's influence.

In addition to branding and packaging most of the products in their store, Holly creates jewelry that is modern minimalist, with simple clean lines. Incorporating crys-



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tals, she strives for the pieces to be delicate in appearance, allowing the wearer to benefit from the healing aspects of the stone without it being visually overpowering.

"Black tourmaline is a personal favorite," she said. "Tourmaline jewelry provides the wearer with protection from negative energy."

With a longtime love of photography, her nature-inspired work can be found in the way of handmade cards and journals.

Passionate about educating others, they also carry numerous books on a variety of subjects, including self-care, crystals, smudging, and more.

"It is really enjoyable to help introduce the 'crystal newbies' to the fascinating world of crystals and to educate them to their unique healing properties," Holly said.

With over 27 years of branding and marketing experience, Holly tackles the marketing and creative aspects of the business, while Jesse, takes the creative ideas and brings them to life.

"I handle all the branding, marketing, product curation/sourcing and conceptualize the product line ideas," Holly said. "For the most part, Jesse and I collaborate 100% on each of our vessel/art creations. We sketch out ideas together and then he creates the final product with me acting as the creative director on each project. He also sources our crystal inventory and handles the day-to-day aspects of the business."

The healing aspects of nature have been a lifelong passion, and chakra balancing, spirit readings and crystals have been an important part of her life for many years. In 2018, after being diagnosed and treated for malignant melanoma, a bilateral cervical herniation at two levels, severe spinal stenosis and anxiety attacks triggered by pain, she was eager to find a natural way to heal her body and avoid surgery. In Homer, she sought out eastern modalities including acupuncture, biosynchronistics, foot zoning, fermented herbs, herbal tinctures, essential oils and crystal therapy. Today, she is delighted to now be able to share with the community a few of the products that helped her.

"I knew I had to find a way to heal my body naturally and when we arrived in Homer, we were so happy to find a community of holistic wellness practitioners," she said. "I started a regime that integrated biosynchronistics, acupuncture, essential oils, crystals, chemical-free products and clean eating. The 100% holistic approach got me my life back. It is a slow process, but so worth it."

Jesse's foray into the healing arts came through his relationship with Holly.

"Holly has always been more open to the holistic and metaphysical approaches to things, where I am more black-and-white by nature," he said. "However, after witnessing the healing benefits she has received over the years, I have become a believer and have become more open to taking the holistic approach to healing myself, as well. Being open-minded to new ways of thinking is the key to truly seeing results."

The couple opened their doors in April and is eager to add more local artisan products to their inventory. They currently carry local birch syrup from Bridge Creek, honey from Stoked Beekeeping, chocolate from Homer Truffle Co., herbal tinctures from Berkano Creations, hand stamped canvas creations from PerthroApothecary and crystal jewelry from Wise Woman Ways.

"We would love to meet local artisans who are looking for a place to sell their work," Holly said. "It is always great for brands to help promote each other, especially in a small community like Homer."

SALT | PINE is located in one of the Fisherman's Retreat cabins on Lake Street, with Jesse spending months renovating it to fit their brand aesthetics. Down the road, the couple would like to move into a larger space in order to be able to collaborate with local healers and holistic experts to offer workshops on crystal therapy, sound therapy, spirit readings and chakra balancing.

"We find it rewarding to help introduce people to new methods of healing beyond the traditional," Holly said. "We'd like to collaborate with more healing therapists in town and bring more awareness to the community. We're here to serve the locals and bring products in that can help them with everything from grief to physical pain."

When they aren't working and creating art, the couple enjoys hiking and fishing with their five dogs right beside them.

"We love this community and feel right at home," Holly said. "We've met so many amazing people, like the awesome team at Homer Truffle Company who created the SALT & PINE chocolate bar just for us, a wonderfully decadent mash-up of culinary lavender, dark chocolate and Sitka spruce tip sea salt from Alaska Pure Sea Salt. We couldn't be more honored by this custom creation."

Located at 3756 Lake Street, they are currently open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit their website at saltandpineonline.com or follow them on Facebook or Instagram @saltandpineAK for useful healing tips and tricks.

The couple moved from Arizona to Homer in 2017, after celebrating their 20-year wedding anniversary in Alaska the year before. Both were raised in northern Wisconsin, met when they were 15 years old and have been together as a couple for more than 27 years. The brand was originally conceived over a decade ago and inspired to finally take root once they settled into Homer, inspired by the calming presence of water and nature that serves as both a refuge and a muse to the creative duo.

"Having lived in Arizona for over 21 years, we were anxious to escape the brutal heat and finally get back to our roots of green trees and snow," Holly said. "Since Homer is a community that fully embraces earth-friendly, artistic and holistic approaches to life, our store fits in perfectly by offering a well-rounded selection of all-natural products."

Their goal is to offer a constantly evolving selection of quality products at an affordable price point of items typically found online or in larger cities. They have new items arriving weekly and are aiming to remain open year-round to serve the local population, to allow the community to support small businesses and shop local. They are also happy to source specific products for their customers as well.

The couple's desire to help others heal comes from Holly's personal experience.



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TIPS FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE  
DEVELOPMENT VIA READING

Hi there! I’m Ashley, the (relative-ly) new speech therapist at SPH. My family and I moved here last fall and I’m excited to share some of my skills with you kind and generous folks.

One passion of mine is encouraging speech and language development from infancy onward. During my own child’s early years, I have used many techniques from my training as a speech-language therapist to develop her skills for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. I hope you can join me Tuesday, July 9th from 10:30-11:30 at Homer Public Library for a fun event centered on developing your child’s speech and language in everyday life.

There will be a demo of strategies as well as opportunities for questions and to sign up for speech-language evaluations. Hope to see you there! Kids and families of all ages welcome. In the meantime, here are some of the tips we’ll be discussing:

Tips for Speech-Language Development for Infants and Kids:

Have a happy conversation with your baby. Imitate their sounds back to them, then show baby how to expand on sounds.

Ex: Baby says, “Ba ba ba.” You say: “Ba ba ba, do you want your b-b-bottle?” while holding bottle for baby to see.

Look through books with your baby and talk to them about the colors, pictures, and help them feel pages with texture.

Ex: Baby reaches for a picture of a butterfly. You say, “Oh, you seem to

like that shiny butterfly! Let’s feel it. So soft!”

Sing songs and talk to your baby and toddler by narrating what you do and what they do.

Ex: “It’s time for breakfast! I need a bowl and a spoon. Add the milk and cereal. Now I’m ready!”



Ashley Brasfield, M.S., CCC-SLP  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
South Peninsula Hospital

Never “correct” a child’s speech, instead model speech and language skills.

Ex: Little one says, “I want my tup,” and points to their water. You say, “You must be thirsty, here’s your cup.”

Model and encourage kids to play with rhyme in songs and conversation. Draw a toddler’s attention to rhymes and encourage them to try it out.

Ex: You say: “Put your chair over there. Hey! I made a rhyme! Chair-there. What else rhymes with chair and there?” If they can’t do it yet, you can provide more examples so they will learn.

Read aloud to toddlers and older children while you trace your finger underneath the words/phrases/sentences so they will start to understand that the words tell us the story.

Show kids how you figure out what the words say by sounding them out and reading left to right, top to bottom.

Read along and aloud with your older kids. Even if they can read fairly independently, you can still help them access new and unfamiliar words they might not encounter on a daily basis.

Look forward to meeting you and your kids!

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Thousands of scientists  
comment on Pebble Mine’s EIS

Comments to the Army Corps of Engineers from thousands of fisheries scientists, resource managers, biologists and former mine employees make clear that Pebble Mine’s Environmental Impact Statement is anything but the rigorous scientific assessment that Sen. Lisa Murkowski and others have said the project demands.

The comment period for the mine’s EIS ended at 11:59 p.m. July 1.

“When we started to look at the EIS in detail, we at first thought that we had failed to receive the whole thing, it was so deficient,” said SalmonState Executive

Director Tim Bristol. “Unfortunately those deficiencies were not mistakes, but a calculated effort to gloss over or outright ignore major issues.”

Daniel Schindler, a professor at the University of Washington’s School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and a lead scientist for the Alaska Salmon Program, which has been studying the salmon of Bristol Bay for more than seven decades, wrote in his comments that the EIS is “careless” and suffers from “a complete lack of rigor.”

“If (Pebble Mine’s environmental impact) assessment was submitted to the

SALMON STATE

By Mary Catharine Martin

standard scientific peer review process, I believe it would be soundly rejected and found to be unpublishable in the scientific literature,” he wrote. He highlighted 10 fatal shortcomings in the EIS, among them the underestimation of the risk of earthquakes and mine waste dump failures and an inadequate assessment of fish habitat.

Environmental scientist and former Pebble Mine consultant Molly Welker wrote that chief among her concerns are that Pebble plans to use untested water treatment plants that do not adequately treat for the mineral selenium, which is known to kill and cause deformities in fish. The mine, she wrote “is a giant experiment being conducted in an ecologically sensitive part of Alaska.”

Environmental and permitting specialist Richard Borden, a former head of environment specializing in copper mines at Rio Tinto, one of the world’s largest mining and metals corporations, wrote that the EIS “contains insufficient detail,” “commonly understates potential impacts,” and that “in a number of significant instances, the conclusions are clearly wrong.”

Finally, the American Fisheries Society, the

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# Art scene heats up with First Friday events

*Homer's art galleries celebrate summer with new and continuing art exhibits*

BY CHRISTINA WHITING  
The Homer Tribune

## Art Shop Gallery

Art Shop Gallery features Kodiak Island artist Bruce Nelson. As an avid outdoorsman, Nelson has been employed as a long-shoreman, assistant big game guide and a skipper of a commercial fishing vessel, in addition to his work as an artist. Through changes in style, technique and media, his works might be whimsical, surreal, realistic or anywhere from humorous to serious and his primary medium is oil.

The exhibit opens with a reception July 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. and remains in the gallery through July. For more information, call 235-7076, explore [artshopgallery.com](http://artshopgallery.com) or visit the gallery at 202 W. Pioneer Avenue.

## Bunnell Street Arts Center

Bunnell Street Arts Center presents simultaneous exhibits by Antoinette Walker with her encaustic paintings and Beth Blankenship with her thread vessels. Walker's paintings are figurative with many layers of encaustic and paper, scrapped and scratched, hiding and revealing much like the time worn images she has chosen to portray.

She is inspired by the fishery of the past, double ended sailboats, old set net sites, shacks, and wooden steam run canneries, her coastal community of Kodiak and the Bristol Bay region where she fishes for sock-eye.

A self-taught artist who has worked in many mediums she was captivated by the mystical translucent piece she saw in an art gallery in Oaxaca, Mexico, in 1999. Walker learned the technique and has painted with encaustics since, always learning and experimenting using its endless possibilities.

Walker has exhibited at Bunnell Arts for many years. Her paintings are also in the permanent collections of numerous statewide museums.

Blankenship's vessels are an exploration of how all earthly things are connected by the smallest of threads and how humans, willfully or unwittingly, alter those connections.

Her newest work is a series of vessels created using machine embroidery on water-soluble fiber. Her desire is to illuminate the fragility of the natural world, as well as its beauty, resiliency, and strength. Blankenship's thread vessels are in many



PHOTO PROVIDED

This painting by Jen DePesa will be on display at Grace Ridge Brewing through July.



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"Beluga," a painting by Bruce Nelson, will be on display at Art Shop Gallery through July.

private collections.

The exhibit opens with a reception July 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. with artist's talks at 6 p.m., and exhibit remains in the gallery through July. For more information, call 235-2662, explore [bunnellarts.org](http://bunnellarts.org) or visit the gallery at 106 W. Bunnell.

## Fireweed Gallery

Fireweed Gallery presents Landscapes and Clouds, Abstract Imaginings, abstract acrylic paintings by new artist Paul Muir. Recently retired, Muir became infatuated

with the process of creating a painting from "puddles on canvas."

Of the puddle, he says, "The puddle is like a cloud that I can manipulate by tilting and pouring off excess until I approve of the result. When the paint dries, I hang the finished piece, then rotate it until I see which way is most appealing to me."

The exhibit opens with a reception July 5 from 5-7 p.m. and remains in the gallery through July. For more information, call 235-3411, explore [weedgallery.com](http://weedgallery.com) or visit the gallery at 475 E. Pioneer Avenue.

## Grace Ridge Brewing

Grace Ridge Brewing presents Saturated, an exhibit of watercolor and oil paintings by Homer artist Jen DePesa. DePesa strives to bring joy to the viewer using vibrant colors and themes of water. While watercolor continues to be DePesa's primary medium, her strong use of color is illustrated in both mediums for this exhibit. Exhibit opens with a reception July 5 from 5-7 p.m. and remains in the brewery through July. For more information, visit the brewery at 3388 B Street.

## Homer Council on the Arts

Homer Council on the Arts presents What's Beyond ... a retrospective exhibit of textiles, paintings, and pottery by Gundega Snepste. Born and educated in Latvia, Snepste benefited from a strong arts curriculum, accumulating over 600 credit hours in drawing and watercolor painting, classes in composition, sculpture, color theory, calligraphy, and history of art and architecture. As a trained architect, her career took a turn when the world economy went into recession and the construction industry dried up in liberated Eastern Europe. In 2010, she began her tenure in the United States, moving between Oregon and Alaska and finally settling in Homer in 2014. The technical skills learned in her early years served her well during her transition to living in the United States.

As a student of design, she made a point to create from whatever she could gather – kelp washed up on the beach, mud, fabric scraps or a ball of yarn. As a classic renaissance artist, Snepste has the ability to transform idea into art in almost any medium. The body of work represented in this exhibit demonstrates her talent and vision – how curiosity and the desire to create beauty can transfer onto the canvas, a piece of clay or a fabric composition. This exhibit marks the end of nine years of life in the states before she returns to her home country.

The exhibit opens with a reception July 5 from 5-7 p.m. and remains in the gallery through July. For more information, on the exhibit of the class, call 235-4288, explore [homerart.org](http://homerart.org) or visit the arts council at 355 W. Pioneer Ave.

## Ptarmigan Arts

Ptarmigan Arts presents Sense of Place, a series of representational realism landscape paintings by Homer artist Marali Sergeant-Smith, a lifelong artist who grew up along the shores of Bristol Bay. The paintings in this exhibit reflect her love for her Alaskan surroundings, describing it as "a truly great

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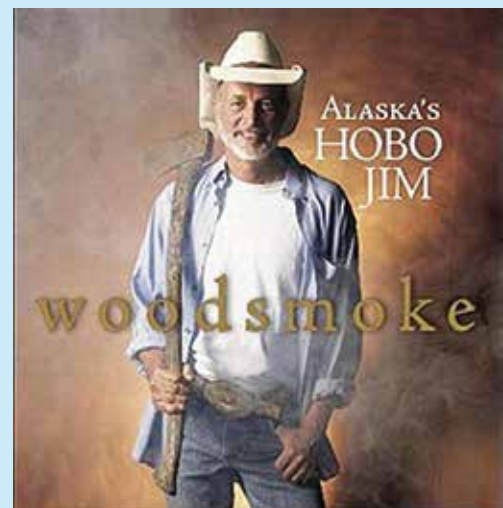
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

June 24-July 1

Fire

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department Fire and EMS went on 12 medical calls and four fire calls from June 24-July 1.

On June 24, HVFD reported burn ban in effect

On June 25, HVFD responded to a fire alarm on Skyline. No fire reported.

On June 27, HVFD responded to a leaking propane tank on Race Road.

One June 27, HVFD conducted a fire investigation between Skyline and West Hill Road.

Kachemak Emergency Services responded to one emergency medical call and one fire call during the week of June 24-30.

Anchor Point Fire and EMS responded to four medical calls and one fire call the week of June 24-30.

The Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area Board will hold its next board meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 17 at the Anchor Point Fire Station. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Police

June 24

11:44 — Alarm company relayed commercial burglary alarm. Officer to location.

11:54 — 911 caller reported REDDI vehicle. Unable to locate.

12:13 — Caller reported REDDI vehicle. Officer to area.

12:31 — Caller reported possible wanted subject. Officer to area.

12:40 — Agency requested officers be on the lookout for possible assault suspect.

14:42 — Caller reported disabled vehicle causing traffic hazard.

16:09 — Caller reported lost cellphone.

16:23 — 911 open line. Nothing suspicious heard. Officer to location.

16:54 — Third-party caller reported threats via media device.

17:52 — 911 caller reports REDDI vehicle on highway.

18:18 — 911 caller reported animal complaint.

21:30 — Caller reported drug paraphernalia in public restroom, officer conducts security check and collects sharps.

21:36 — Counter traffic turns in found property.

23:03 — Agency assist, unfounded.

June 25

2:17 — 911 hang up, officers locate subject. Medics

to scene.

2:39 — Caller reported suspicious circumstance at local business. Officers to area to attempt contact.

3:24 — 911 disconnect, officer to area. Contacted caller, all OK.

5:21 — Caller reported suspicious vehicle parked in residential area. Officer to location.

8:54 — Caller reported forged check. Officer advised.

16:05 — Unknown female dropped off a found phone.

20:51 — 911 caller reports REDDI vehicle in the area. Officers notified and to area, unable to locate.

21:05 — Officer conducted traffic stop and contacted wanted female. Female arrested on three outstanding warrants. Booked and lodged in the Homer Jail.

22:31 — Caller reported REDDI.

June 26

1:34 — Officer conducted security check.

2:03 — Local business reported abandoned vehicle in the parking lot. Advised options.

5:55 — 911 caller reported people trying to enter the public restroom while it is in use. Officer to area.

10:35 — Caller reported dogs barking after the fact. Caller was advised to call when the dogs are barking. Animal control officer advised.

11:07 — Officer conducted security check.

11:57 — 911 accidental, caller stayed on line and identified self and location. Officer advised.

14:15 — Subject presented at counter with multiple correctable citations.

14:44 — Caller requested extra patrols of business. Officers advised.

14:48 — Caller requested a subject be trespassed from the area. Officer advised, subjects left the area.

15:24 — 911 hang-up, on callback caller stated call was accidental refused to give name. Officer to area.

11:48 — Subject presented at counter to report fraudulent residential rental on Craigslist. Referred to IC3.gov and Craigslist Fraud Department.

13:29 — Officer contacted driver and arrested female on outstanding warrant.

14:38 — 911 caller requested welfare check on female. Officer to area, unable to locate female.

14:47 — Caller reported REDDI vehicle. Officer advised driver of complaint and to correct driving.

15:16 — Caller reported driver with infant not in car seat. Unable to locate vehicle.

16:05 — 911 caller reported reckless driver, spinning brodies on the beach being dangerous. Officers contacted driver and advised of appropriate driving.

17:28 — 911 open line from disconnected phone. Nothing suspicious heard.

19:15 — Officer assisted agency. Female charged with two counts of violating conditions of release.

19:43 — Caller reported black pick-up truck traveling at high rate of speed, honking horn, leaving area.

21:00 — Caller reported lost property.

22:16 — 911 caller requested officer assistance, officers to scene.

20:02 — Caller reported skateboarders in the roadway. Officer to area. Multiple skateboarders advised to stay out of and yield to traffic.

20:08 — Caller requested welfare check on sister, who he hasn't heard from since May 25.

20:40 — Caller reported drug intelligence.

20:47 — Caller reported REDDI vehicle.

June 27

11:00 — 911 accidental, female stated misdial and no emergency. Officer advised and to location. All OK.

11:44 — Subject presented at counter to report lost keys.

12:18 — Male presented at front counter for sex offender registry.

12:31 — 911 caller stated it was accidental, trying to call FBI. Officer to scene. Caller found to be OK, no emergency.

13:21 — Caller requested an officer for standby. Officer advised and to location.

13:21 — 911 caller reported REDDI vehicle, no plate given. Officer to area. Unable to locate.

13:32 — Officer conducted security check.

13:43 — Driver given warning for driving under the influence/drugs.

14:12 — Agency passed on REDDI vehicle. Officer advised.

14:12 — Male presented at front counter with a found bike.

14:40 — Subject presented at counter to report abandoned vehicle. Advised options.

15:30 — Subject presented at counter to report scam. Advised options.

16:10 — Female presented at front counter reporting her wallet stolen. Officer advised.

18:03 — Caller reported

motor vehicle accident after the fact.

19:01 — Caller reported excessively loud motorcycle driving in area nightly. Officer advised.

19:08 — Caller reported her 4-year-old son hit the emergency button while inside the vehicle. No emergency.

19:36 — 911 caller reports misdial. Stated no emergency. Officer to scene, confirmed all OK.

20:29 — Caller reported people partying in vacant subdivision. Officer advised.

21:05 — 911 accidental dial. Caller stated accidental dial while working. Officer advised.

21:40 — Caller reported concern for group of juveniles biking in middle of roadway. Officer to area, subjects relocated to safer area.

22:08 — Officer made contact with male who was trespassed from area business. Male arrested for criminal trespass and promoting contraband.

June 28

0:18 — Officer conducted security check of area.

1:13 — 911 open line, no history with number. Females heard talking in background. Voicemail on callback. Officer to area.

1:47 — 911 abandoned. On callback, female confirmed name, location, and all OK. Officer advised.

3:23 — Officer assisted HVFD with traffic control.

4:40 — Security company reported residential alarm. Officer to scene. Security company later called to cancel call, false alarm.

7:55 — Female presented at front counter for a taxi inspection.

9:48 — Caller reported she was a victim of a scam. Officer spoke to caller, advised options.

11:27 — 911 caller reported male looking into vehicles. Officer advised and to area. Unable to locate.

11:28 — Caller advised there was a need for assistance from an officer.

11:39 — Officer conducted security check.

12:57 — Caller requested welfare check on male sleeping in grass. Officer contacts male and advises to move along.

13:16 — Male presented at front counter reporting a shoplifter after the fact. Officer advised.

14:07 — Officer flagged down by male reporting theft and criminal mischief.

15:00 — Female presented at front counter reporting motor vehicle accident after the fact.

15:17 — Caller reported vehicle repair scam.

15:49 — Out-of-state visitor reported lost wallet for documentation.

17:20 — Caller on 911 reported civil issue over property. Requested officers as parties are irate.

17:30 — Officer contacted female and arrests on outstanding warrant.

17:46 — Subject presented at counter for correctable studded tire citation.

17:55 — Caller requested welfare check on young male hiding from vehicles near roadway. Officer to location. Unable to locate anyone.

10:30 — Arrestee caused damage to booking room.

19:00 — Subject presented at counter with civil issue. Officer advises and goes to location.

19:32 — Officer cited driver for driving while license revoked and advised of revoked license.

21:50 — Agency passed along of REDDI report. Officer contacts driver. Female subject arrested for driving under the influence, driving while license revoked, no insurance, and violation of conditional release.

22:35 — Alarm company reported burglary alarm. Officer to scene.

23:17 — Caller reported ongoing issue with campers on the beach. Caller reported this is a new group tonight but each weekend there are new campers. Officer to scene, advised of camping laws. Will depart in the morning.

June 29

0:26 — Officer conducted security check of park and campground.

1:06 — Alarm company reported burglary alarm. Officer to scene. All OK.

20:45 — Caller reported missing property.

12:40 — 911 caller reported juvenile needed medical attention. Officer to location, contacted patient, self-transported to the hospital.

13:29 — Officer conducted security check.

17:42 — Alarm company reported residential burglary alarm. Officers to location, all OK.

18:19 — Out-of-state caller requested welfare check on son. Officer to scene, all OK.

19:16 — Caller reported broke down vehicle in roadway. Officer to area.

20:58 — Caller reported suspicious vehicle with male and female inside. Officer to scene. At that time, vehicle was unoccupied.

June 30

0:12 — Anonymous caller reported loud noise at neighboring residence

and possible underage party. Officer to scene. Subject later contacted and told to keep noise down. Officer issued disorderly conduct warning.

8:22 — Officer issued a driving under the influence warning.

10:45 — Third-party caller reported assault and attempted theft after the fact.

12:47 — Caller requested welfare check on male acting strangely at harbor. Officer notified and to location.

14:35 — Female caller requested assistance. Officer to location to make contact.

15:45 — Male presented at counter for a taxi cab inspection.

16:12 — Male presented at counter with taxicab inspection.

16:13 — Male presented at counter for taxicab inspection.

16:15 — Male presented at counter for taxicab inspection.

17:00 — Counter traffic turns in wallet found at Safeway.

17:40 — Male appeared at window to request taxicab inspection.

17:42 — Caller reported hearing gun shots, officer to area.

18:00 — Male appeared at window to request taxicab inspection.

18:24 — 911 caller reported possible break-in happening. Officers to location.

21:52 — Officer assisted fire department.

22:49 — Officer issued warning for speed.

23:03 — 911 caller reported intoxicated male causing a disturbance at a local business, officer to location.

23:37 — 911 caller reported male walking along the street and waving a gun. Officers to location.

June 1

0:33 — Subject presented at counter reporting intoxicated male causing disturbance. Subject removed from area, all OK.

0:53 — Officer provided transport.

1:06 — 911 caller reported male broke into local business and refused to leave. Officer to location, one male arrested and brought to the Homer Jail on disorderly conduct and criminal trespass charges.

4:13 — Officer provided assistance with vehicle escort to hospital for emergency.

5:33 — 911 caller reported male slumped over in vehicle. Officer to scene. Male waiting for friend, no impairment noted.



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## FAMILY EVENT

Happy Hot Weather Homer! Hope this heat wave is treating you well! As you have probably guessed, we have another Homer Community Recreation Board Game Night coming up. It is happening this Sunday, July 7th, starting at 2 PM and going until 6 PM at The Homer High School Commons. If you need a great reason to take a break from the heat, come down and play some board games with us- and have a great time in the process! For further details please follow the link below: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/open-tabletop-gaming-night> Look Forward To Playin' With Ya!



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995 Soundview Avenue  
Phone: 208-963-2081  
• Service time: 10:00 am

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Corner of Sterling Hwy and Soundview Ave  
(Across from W. Homer Elementary)  
Preschool Director: Kristi Wickstrom  
Phone: 907-235-7600  
• Service time: 9:30am  
• Sunday School & Bible Study: 11:15 am  
Seldovia Worship: First and Third Sunday  
3:30 pm

### St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

619 Sterling Highway  
[www.SaintAugustinesHomer.org](http://www.SaintAugustinesHomer.org)  
Phone: 907-235-1225

- Service time: 11:00 am
- Holy Eucharist with Rev. Judith Lethin, 1st Sunday every month
- Soup Sunday, 3rd Sunday every month

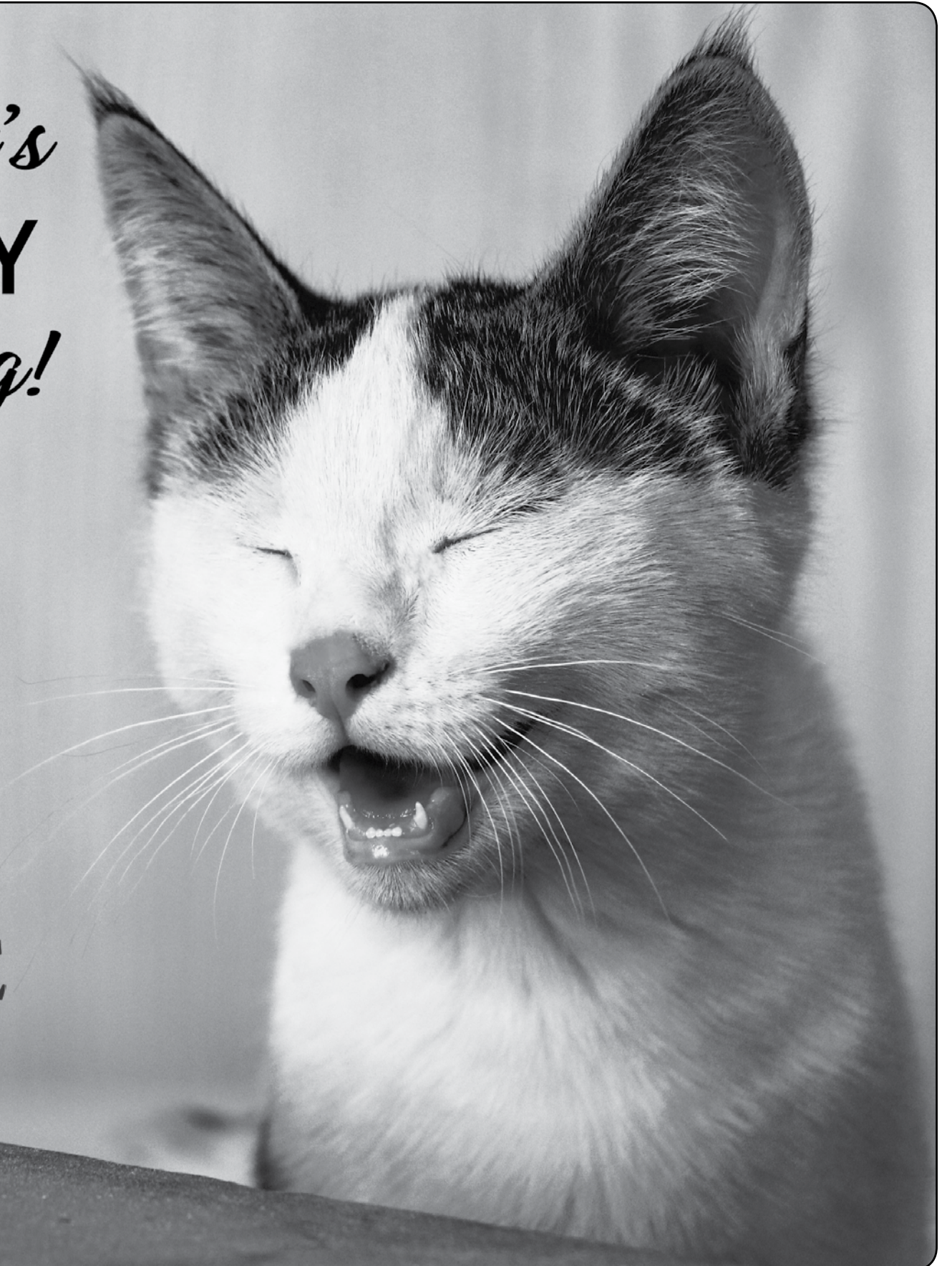
### Church of the Nazarene

3980 Hunter Street  
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THEME: THE 4TH OF JULY

ACROSS

1. Reproductive cell

5. Tai's partner

8. At the stern

11. Do like phoenix

12. Person of French descent

13. It can't be refused?

15. Hand-to-hand combat weapon

16. Sty sound

17. Justin Bieber's 2015 hit

18. \*Pyrotechnic display

20. De-wrinkler

21. Expression of delight

22. \*O say can you

23. \*One of three presidents who died on July 4

26. Gloria Gaynor's "I Will

30. Turkish military leader

31. With complex decorations

34. Biblical place of bliss

35. Economic crisis

37. South American tuber

38. Gladiator's turf

39. Serum, pl.

40. Stellar

42. Humpty Dumpty did this

43. "Jeopardy" competitor, e.g.

45. Blotch or dapple

47. 34th Pres.

48. Unmanned flyer

50. MXN, as in currency

52. \*British monarch

56. \* Burr, officer in Revolutionary War and VP

57. Aquarium dweller

58. Of two minds

59. \*Puts John Hancock down

60. Log splitter

61. Arrival times

62. Plays for pay

63. Ball in a socket

64. " and rave"

DOWN

1. Approach in music education

2. The last Henry Tudor

3. Soviet acronym

4. Shooting star

5. Capital of Egypt

6. -dory

7. Varieties

8. '70s hairdo

9. "Where the Red Grows"

10. "Don't this at home!"

12. Pyle of "The Andy Griffith Show"

13. Willow twig

14. \*The Stars and Stripes

19. What pertussis patients do

22. Johnny Cash's boy with unfortunate name

23. En , or all together

24. Watcher

25. a.k.a. Pleasant Island

26. \*State on Old Glory

27. "That is," Latin

28. Like bribe-taking politician

29. Related on mother's side

32. Narrow margin of victory

33. \*Stamp , imposed tax on American colonies

36. \*One of two Presidents to sign the Constitution

38. " came a spider..."

40. Gobbled up

41. Like libertine

44. Venerated paintings in Orthodox church

46. -totter

48. Unpleasant airport news

49. One in Pinkerton's gallery

50. Twosome

51. René Descartes' "therefore"

52. Hunted animal

53. Itty-bitty bit

54. Persian Gulf country

55. Research facil.

56. Pharaoh's cobra

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Riddle Me This

This thing all things devours;

Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;

Gnaws iron, bites steel;

Grinds hard stones down to meal;

Slays kings, ruins towns;

And beats high mountains down.

What is it?

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AROUND TOWN

July 4-10

Daily

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Daily at noon and 8 p.m. Hillas building. 235-6822.

**SPARC Walk/Run**  
Join SPARC weekday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. to walk, run, or even push a stroller. Cost: \$5.

ThuJuly4

**Guided tidepooling**  
Join Refuge Rangers for a fun morning of exploring tidepools at Bishop's Beach. Meet Rangers at Bishop's Beach parking lot. Look for guides wearing orange vests. 9:30 a.m.

**Beluga Slough walk**  
Join a Ranger at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center for a walk along the Beluga Slough Trail. Wheelchair accessible. 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Small Fry Storytime**  
Support your little one's early literacy skills with reading, playing, singing and talking. For ages 2 and under with their caregivers. 11:30 a.m.-noon. Homer Public Library.

**Pony rides with KPC**  
Enjoy a fun family event in the beautiful setting at Cottonwood Horse Park. 1-3 p.m.

**Maritime Map Talk**  
Come hear stories from Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's rich history. These talks are approximately 15 minutes long. Meet at 3 p.m. at the map in the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center exhibit hall.

**Fun Runs**  
Kachemak Bay Running Club sponsors the Thursday Night Fun Runs every Thursday. Check out our Facebook page for this month's location. Routes are posted every Tuesday and are 2.7-3.2 miles in distance. This is non-timed and non-competitive fun run and you don't have to run. Families and all ages and abilities are welcome. This is a free event and you do not need to be a member to join. 6-7 p.m.

**Homer Unity Group**  
Homer Unity Group (AA Open Meetings). 6:30 p.m. Homer United Methodist Church.

**Ultimate Frisbee**  
Ultimate Frisbee pick up every Monday and Thursday, 7- 9 p.m. Homer High School football field.

**Sex and love addicts**  
A 12-step program designed to live life without acting out. 7-8 p.m. Email or call Jennifer for location: safehavenhomer@gmail.com or (907) 756-0010.

**Vaudeville variety show**  
The big finale of the New Old Time Chautauqua's circus performance in honor of Mary Langham. This show will bring to an end a week of fabulous events in Homer. After plentiful

projects, performances, and community service. The show is the final stop of a month-long tour in honor of Langham, who was a vital part of the Homer theater and arts scene for the last 15 years. The tour includes 60 performers, musicians, coos, potato peelers, bus drivers, and educators — all volunteers — including 10 members of Mary's family. 9 p.m. SPARC.

FriJuly5

**Guided tidepooling**  
Join Refuge Rangers for a fun morning of exploring tidepools at Bishop's Beach. Meet Rangers at Bishop's Beach parking lot. Look for guides wearing orange vests. 10 a.m.

**Beluga Slough walk**  
Join a Ranger at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center for a walk along the Beluga Slough Trail. Lasting about an hour, the walk will follow the trail from the Visitor Center along Beluga Slough. Wheelchair accessible. 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Overeaters Anonymous**  
Overeaters Anonymous meets at noon on Fridays at the Homer United Methodist Church. Visit www.aa.org.

**Alaska Food Hub**  
The Ordering Cycle opens at 12 p.m. and goes through Monday at 10 p.m. Visit alaskafoodhub.localfoodmarketplace.com.

**Parkinson's support**  
The Parkinson's Support Group meets the first Friday of every month. 1 p.m. 3935 Svedlund Street.

**Scottish fiddle, guitar**  
Homer Council on the Arts will host workshops in fiddle and guitar. The Fire is a high-energy "pure drop" Scottish music band, with world class fiddling in combination with bagpipes, guitar, bodhran, whistle, and bouzouki. These charismatic performers, presented in partnership with the 8th Annual Kachemak Bay Scottish Club Highland Games on July 6, will enliven the Homer community with their entertaining and informative stage banter, vast array of instrument combinations, and extensive repertoire. 1-4:30 p.m. Homer Council on the Arts.

**Maritime Map Talk**  
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**What's Beyond**  
Textiles, painting, and pottery: Retrospective work by Gundega Snepste. 5-7 p.m. Homer Council on the Arts.

**Walker/Blankenship**  
Encaustic artist Antoinette Walker and needle felt and bead

artist Beth Blankenship exhibit for the month of July. 5-7 p.m. Bunnell Street Arts Center.

**Bookmobile**  
Enjoy the Bookmobile's new artwork. Friends of the Homer Library are thrilled to share the graphic design work of Rachel Tussey on BOB the Bookmobile. 5 p.m. Grace Ridge Brewery.

SatJuly6

**Kundalini yoga class**  
An accessible blend of physical practices, breathing exercises, meditation, deep relaxation and yogic philosophy. 9-10 a.m. Many Rivers Cedar House.

**Farmers Market**  
Enjoy some of the area's finest produce. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Beluga Slough walk**  
Join a Ranger at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center for a walk along the Beluga Slough Trail. Lasting about an hour, the walk will follow the trail from the Visitor Center along Beluga Slough. Wheelchair accessible. 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

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**Salmonfest**  
Homer favorite Jim Lewin returns with his band, Edge of the West, for a show. EOTW is a rockin' roots, honky tonk jamband. Their catchy, quirky originals and outlaw hippie sound strikes a chord with lovers of alt-country, Americana and the Grateful Dead. The band features members who also play with Great American Taxi, New Riders of the Purple Sage, Todd Snider, Jefferson Starship and more. Music will start around 9 p.m. Alice's Champagne Palace.

SunJuly7

**Acroyoga**  
Come learn basic Acroyoga techniques. Be prepared to have fun and try new things. All fitness levels with no major injuries. 10 a.m. The Bay Club.

**Pickleball**  
Spend your Sunday playing pickleball. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at HERC.

**Beluga Slough walk**  
Join a Ranger at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center for a walk along the Beluga Slough Trail. Wheelchair accessible. 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m.. Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Sivananda Yoga**  
The class is taught slowly and methodically, emphasizing breathing and working toward finding the balance between effort and ease. Noon-1:30 p.m. Many Rivers Yoga Studio.

**Natural History Talk**  
Join a ranger or volunteer from Alaska Maritime NWR to learn about the amazing animals or rich history of the refuge. These talks are approximately 30 minutes long. Meet at 3 p.m. in the seminar room in the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Buddhist Meditation**  
Come and enjoy Tibetan Buddhist Meditation. 5 p.m. Many Rivers Yoga Studio

**Restorative Yoga**  
Yoga designed to open the body and quiet the mind. 7 p.m. Many Rivers Yoga Studio.

MonJuly8

**Beluga Slough walk**  
Join a Ranger at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center for a walk along the Beluga Slough Trail. Lasting about an hour, the walk will follow the trail from the Visitor Center along Beluga Slough. Wheelchair accessible. 11 a.m.-noon. Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Maritime Map Talk**  
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**Pioneers of Alaska**  
Pioneers of Alaska Igloos 14 and 32 meet at 1:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Homer Senior Center. Pioneers who have lived in Alaska 20 years or more are welcome to attend and join. 1:30 p.m. 3935 Svedlund Street.

**Postpartum support**  
Join us for this ongoing weekly gathering of mothers and share your joys and challenges about Motherhood. This support group is open to all mothers, babies and toddlers. 3-4:30 Homer Birth and Wellness.

**Natural History Talk**  
Join a ranger or volunteer from Alaska Maritime NWR to learn about the amazing animals or rich history of the refuge. These talks are approximately 30 minutes long. Meet at 3 p.m. in the seminar room in the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center.

**Ultimate Frisbee**  
Ultimate Frisbee pick up every Monday and Thursday, 7- 9 p.m. Homer High School football field.

**Living in the Solution**  
Women's literature study. Closed meeting; women only. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Homer United Methodist Church. For more information, call 907-299-4073.

TueJuly9

**Kids' speech therapy**  
Learn techniques for reading aloud to your child. Simple at-home strategies for speech and

language development. Free, and families of all ages are welcome. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Homer Public Library.

**Beluga Slough walk**  
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**Free workshops**  
With the New Old Time Chautauqua. Talks at the Pratt Museum on the Doctrine of Discovery and Alaska Healing Oils. 2 p.m. Pratt Museum.

**Alanon Family Group**  
Text 299-2028 for more information. Noon to 1 p.m. Homer United Methodist Church.

**Natural History Talk**  
Join a ranger or volunteer from Alaska Maritime NWR to learn about the amazing animals or rich history of the refuge. These talks are approximately 30 minutes long. Meet at 3 p.m. in the seminar room in the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center.

**New director welcome**  
Help Homer Foundation welcome new Executive Director Mike Miller into the community. Our board members will also be available to answer questions you may have about the Homer Foundation, our recent activities, and our plans for the future. Light refreshments will be available. 5 p.m. Homer Foundation.

**Prenatal Yoga**  
Dop-in classes will demonstrate how Yoga techniques such as breathing, posture, and meditation can be applied. 4-5:14 Many Rivers Yoga Studio.

**Improv Playpen**  
A weekly drop-in class for anyone interested in learning some basic improvisation skills. No experience necessary. 6:30-8 p.m. The Art Barn.

**Homer Unity Group**  
Homer Unity Group (AA Open Meetings). 6:30 p.m. Homer United Methodist Church.

WedJuly10

**AcroFit**  
Exercise class with components of Acroyoga. Appropriate for any fit person without injuries. 6:30-7:30 a.m. The Bay Club.

**Food for Kids/Teens**  
Free bags of non-perishable food for hungry and/or homeless youth are available in the lobby of the library all day on Wednesdays during the summer.

Food is provided by the Homer Food Pantry and prepared by the Summer@HPL Teen Volunteer Corps. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Homer Public Library.

**Beach clean-up**  
Come by La Baleine Cafe, pick up gloves and a trash bag and collect trash anywhere along the spit, bring it back and enjoy a free coffee and a cookie. 9 a.m.

**Explore storytime**  
Explore Family Storytime incorporates both early literacy and STEAM; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Each storytime will include fun stories, songs, rhymes, and activities, crafts and experiments that introduce STEAM concepts. For kids ages 3-7 and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. 10 a.m. Homer Public Library.

**Farmers Market**  
Enjoy some of the area's finest produce. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Beluga Slough walk**  
Join a Ranger at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center for a walk along the Beluga Slough Trail. 11 a.m.-noon. Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Co-Dependents Anon**  
Co-Dependents Anonymous is a fellowship whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. Share in a journey of self-discovery. Noon. Homer United Methodist Church.

**Natural History Talk**  
Meet at 3 p.m. in the seminar room in the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center.

**Living in the Solution**  
Women's literature study. Closed meeting; women only. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Homer United Methodist Church. Phone: 907-299-4073.

**Bingo**  
Enjoy bingo at the Homer Elks Lodge. Open to the public. First call at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit Homer Scholarships. Bingo is sponsored by the Homer Emblem Club #350.

Upcoming

**Volunteer Weekend**  
Summer Volunteer Weekends at the Whirling Rainbow Center! Join our volunteer community for fresh air, friendship and fun work weekends. We learn, laugh, build, create, garden, harvest herbs and berries and renew! Aug. 10-11, 2019; Sept. 7-8, 2019, Held all day at the Whirling Rainbow Center 59982 Ohlson Mountain Road. Call 907-715-4433 or visit the Web at thewhirlingrainbowfoundation@gmail.com. Alcohol-free, drug-free, cigarette-free environment.

**We want to include your events in our Community Calendar. Email us today!**



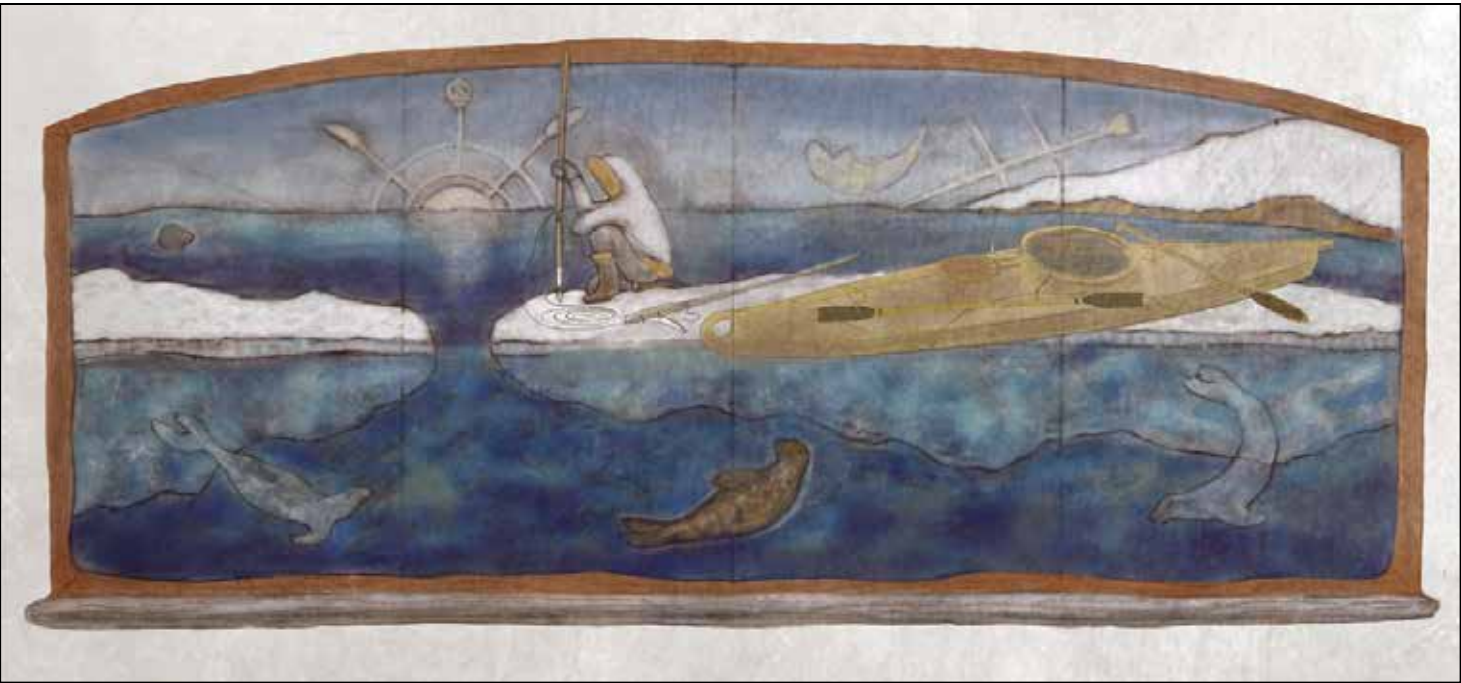


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This painting by Paul Muir will be on display at Fireweed Gallery through July

## FIRST FRIDAY

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land filled with beautiful sights, amazingly gorgeous vistas, scenes filled with drama, joy, surprise, and/or quiet contemplation.” Exhibit opens with a reception July 5 from 5-7 p.m. and remains in the gallery through July. For more information, call 235-5345, explore ptarmiganarts.com or visit the gallery at 471 E. Pioneer Avenue.

### Dean Family Gallery

The Dean Family Gallery hosts an open studio to showcase the progress of Jeff Dean’s current commission, Seal Moon Rising, for the new Paul John Calricaraq Project Health Center in Bethel. The design aspires to convey the age-old patience of the hunter and the elusiveness of the seal — a man kneels near his kayak on a barren ice flow, patiently watching the water through a well-worn breathing hole. Five seals surround him, four of them blending with the colors and textures of their background, giving them an ethereal quality. The fifth, in the center, represents a living seal, warily watching, waiting in the depths below the ice. On the horizon, the moon rises, its light filling the sky and shining across the water. It’s surrounded by a subtle, halo-type aura in the form of a seal mask.

The wall piece will be made in engraved and heat tinted steel with a wooden border and a beach wood base. Visit the Dean Family Gallery for a reception July 5 from 5-9 p.m. at 40374 Waterman Rd. For more information, call 907-299-4124.

### South Peninsula Hospital

South Peninsula Hospital in partnership with Homer Council on the Arts features oil and cold wax paintings by Homer artist Karen Roush. After pursuing her Master of Fine Arts in photography with a minor in painting and creative writing, she continued searching for inspiration. Several years ago, she discovered the magic of painting with oil and cold wax, enjoying the process of painting without any forethought as to what it was supposed to look like. For Roush, to paint with abandonment — applying wax, scratching it back, dissolving layers, applying more wax and more texture, was endless. Silencing the critic and moving with the paint across the panel in a musical rhythm allowing random thoughts to come and go, was addictive. For her, creating art is not about a finished product, but rather a process that takes her deep into herself to learn, share and grow in the journey that is the destination. Exhibit is on display in the Homer Council on the Arts Gallery in the hallway outside the hospital’s Imaging Department, which displays rotating exhibits from local artists. Exhibit remains through July. For more information, call 907-235-0397 or stop by the hospital.

### The Shop —Kachemak Bay

The Shop – Kachemak Bay Art Space features their first screening event, four new works and several older works by Homer artist, Michael Walsh. Rooting himself with the filmmakers of the 1960s anti-establishment avant-garde film movement, Walsh continues their traditions in making 21st century non-linear moving image art. Walsh has been making moving image art for more than 25

years and has screened work at San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Nam June Paik Center in S. Korea, Anthology Film Archives, Cal Arts, Bunnell Street Arts Center and more. A collaboration with Bunnell Street Arts Center, also in the gallery will be a continuation of last month’s joint exhibition Souvenirs of Stone, by Anchorage artists, Alanna DeRocchi and Jonathan S. Green.

The Shop will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. with the films beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (802) 552-8070, explore their Facebook page – The Shop, Kachemak Bay Art Space and website [www.theshopak.com](http://www.theshopak.com) or visit them at 60388 Bear Creek Court.

## SALMON STATE

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Western Division of AFS, and the Alaska chapter of AFS submitted joint comments representing more than 7,500 fisheries scientists and resource managers. They wrote that the DEIS “fails to meet basic standards of scientific rigor in a region that clearly demands the highest level of scrutiny and thoroughness.” Specifically, they said that “impacts and risks to fish and their habitats are underestimated ... many conclusions are not supported by the data or analysis provided; and ... critical information is missing.”

These are just a sampling of the numerous comments provided by scientists that point out fatal shortcomings in the mine’s EIS.

“Sen. Lisa Murkowski has repeatedly said that the permitting process for Pebble Mine should be ‘rigorous,’ ‘robust,’ and scientifically sound,” said Bristol. “Instead, the ‘process’ is a rushed hack job whose aim is to push through a project that would destroy the greatest wild salmon run left in the world. After reading what salmon scientists have to say, there is only one appropriate response — reject Pebble Mine’s plan to develop a massive open pit and industrial footprint in one of the most ecologically pristine and sensitive regions on Earth. This idea is way too risky and the ACOE’s DEIS is a product born of shoddy science and naked political calculation that endangers the people, jobs, and habitat of Bristol Bay, as well as the reputation of Alaska’s world-renowned wild salmon.”



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FIRE

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State officials noted that crews along the south side of the blaze had started suppression repair work for restoration of wildlife habitat on the refuge. Heavy equipment operators are also working to repair road damage in an effort to improve future access on Mystery Creek Road.

Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy toured the fire-stricken area on Monday. He spent much of his trip learning about the extent of the blaze and attending meetings at the incident command center in Sterling.

Approximately 500 firefighters from throughout the region are working to contain the fire, which began due to a lightning strike.

According to the Alaska State Troopers, traffic moved well along the Sterling Highway during the weekend, with only minor delays due to road construction and morning fog. Smoke and haze conditions on the Kenai Peninsula were expected to linger until early in the week.

An interactive fire map can be found under Current Situational Reports on the Kenai Peninsula Borough emergency blog at <http://www.kpboem.com>. Map includes fire perimeter and land ownership overlaid on aerial photos.



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Homer Rocks members thank firefighters fighting the Swan Lake fire with painted rocks that say “You Rock.”

Below, Swan Lake fire view from the Sterling Highway on June 27.



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