

Commentary... Alaska bound

By Chris Laing
Correspondent

My husband and I raised our son and daughter in Homer, Alaska, recently named by *Coastal Living Magazine* as one of the “Happiest Seaside Towns in America” — however that gets measured. It’s also known as “the halibut fishing capital of the world,” the “cosmic hamlet by the sea,” and is vaguely referred to by author/storyteller Tom Bodett in the title of his first book “As Far As You Can Go Without A Passport.”

It shares a lot of similarity to Sisters as an eco-tourism destination and a notable art town.

Little wonder when we moved here to live closer to family we found many other Alaskans had migrated to Sisters Country before us. I

am writing for the benefit of those who may miss Alaska, and for those who still have it on their bucket list: Now is an excellent time to visit.

September 6-19 Homer will host the Alaska World Arts Festival, fashioned after the Edinburgh Fringe. One hundred artists from around the world will come to entertain, share their culture, and mix with local talent covering a wide range of art forms including: theatre, film, dance, comedy, storytelling, poetry, music, pottery, visual and performance art.

It will be an exciting two weeks during the shoulder tourist season. I encourage anyone to whom this appeals to check it out online at AlaskaWorldArtsFestival.org.

I’ll see you there.

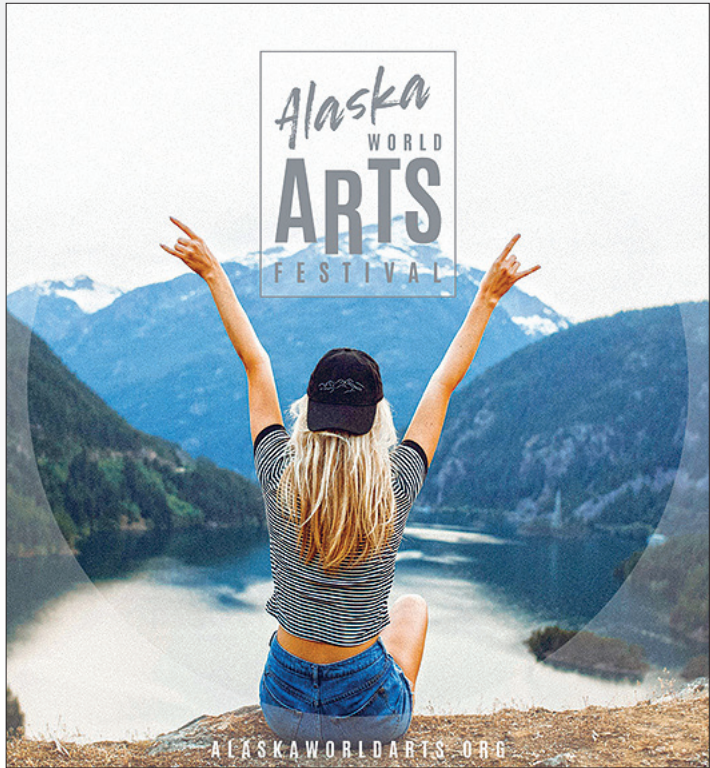


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where they have responsibility, are trusted to make decisions, perform necessary tasks, interact with customers and be taken seriously,” Bosco says. “The food cart provides all of that.”

Bosco will instruct the kids in safe, healthy usage of her Simple ‘N’ Fresh food cart, which serves fresh foods inspired by Central and South American cookery. Collaborating with Kid Made Camp, the cart will also serve a new menu item: smoothies.

Students will use produce sourced from local farms on-site at the market, along with fruit and other wholesome ingredients.

“Kids like to be creative,” Bosco notes. “They take chances with ingredients.”

She will help them develop

their ideas into tasty, consistent recipes.

Many are familiar with Kid Made Camp’s art and craft entrepreneur camps in Bend and Sisters. The Kid Made experience “shows them they have options,” Bosco said. “Kids are smart, have fabulous ideas and don’t fear sharing them. At our camps, they learn that their talents are valuable. They learn how to be confident in presenting themselves.”

The community is invited to request a smoothie or other menu item at the Kid Made Camp “takeover” of the Simple ‘N’ Fresh food cart at Sisters Farmers Market on August 25. Sisters Farmers Market takes place every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fir Street Park.

The August dates for the food cart camp are new; registrations are now being accepted at kidmadecamp.com. Kid Made Camp will also present its standard entrepreneur and arts camp at The

Environmental Center in Bend during the week of August 5, culminating in a booth at Northwest Crossing Farmers Market on August 10.

Patrons are encouraged to ask campers questions about their ingredients, creative process, or what they have learned at camp.

“Kids can do it,” said Bosco’s new partner in the Kid Made business, T. Lee Brown. She teaches journalism and edits the Kids in Print section of *The Nugget Newspaper* in Sisters, where kids can see their writing and artwork published in a real newspaper.

“We just have to give them the chance.”

Additionally, Kid Made offers free/donation-optional activities for all kids who visit Sisters Farmers Market. The Kid Made booth pops up about twice a month during Market season. Families are invited to step inside, make a craft, or try on some face paint.

Oregon lagging in disaster prep

By Sarah Zimmerman
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — Oregon state lawmakers abandoned a multimillion-dollar project to develop early warning systems for earthquakes and wildfires, and scientists warn that the funding shake-up could endanger public safety and put Oregon further behind

other West Coast states in preparing for natural disasters.

Researchers were shocked when nearly \$12 million to expand ShakeAlert and AlertWildfire — early warning systems to help detect significant earthquakes and wildfires — unexpectedly went up in smoke last month, just days before the end of the legislative session. Money for

the projects was included as part of a larger funding package, but was stripped in a last-minute amendment.

Disaster preparedness has continually been a focal point as Western states are poised to enter the hottest and driest months of wildfire season. And two massive earthquakes

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