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Anchorage Market & Festival opens May 9; features new vendors, unique gifts for all occasions

Anchorage, AK: The Anchorage Market & Festival opens Saturday, May 9, for its 24th season featuring unique shopping options and delicious food.

Held every weekend May through September on Saturdays from 10am to 6pm and Sundays from 10am to 5pm at 3rd Avenue and E Street, the market draws residents and visitors who shop for handmade arts and crafts, local foods, pet products, jewelry, knives and ulus, photography, clothing and more.

Entertainment includes music, dancing and skits performed on the market stage plus street musicians and clever acts in the aisles. Kids can paint at the painting wall or grab some colorful chalk and draw on the pavement.

"We are excited to enter into our 24th season with a new long-term lease for the space, dozens of new vendors and great aspirations by everyone," said Bill Webb, owner of Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc., the company that owns and manages the downtown Anchorage event.

New for 2015

New food vendors for 2015 include:

Alaska Seafood Pot with a variety of Alaska Seafood in a spicy sauce

Tracy's Indian Tacos and Frybread

J.P.'s Smoking BBQ with BBQ Chicken and BBQ Turkey Legs

Pho, Thai Salmon Spring Rolls

Morisa's BBQ Spare Ribs and Chicken Legs

Simply Southern with Cat Fish and Po-boys

Lor of the Wings with Chicken Wings, Stuffed Wings and Bahn mi Sandwich

Carter's Scotch Eggs and Fried Raviolis

Nami Island Kitchen's Shish-K-bobs and Filipino Pansit

Russian Food of Alaska Piroshkies

Also new this year is a **free illustrated market map** with a list of vendor locations and other highlights. The map is available for tourists at bus unloading stations and at market headquarters.

Market supporters can help improve their favorite weekend event: **donations are accepted** with the pledge that all money raised will be used to improve the market and festival.

A **Name-the-Critters Contest** will be held this summer, too. Joining Everwood the Bear and the Spirit of Alaska Totem Pole are new critters: a moose, a caribou, a little begging bear and a salmon. What will their names be?

Drawings to win Alaska Airlines tickets will also take place. Weekly winners will be entered into a final drawing for the grand prize of two free tickets anywhere Alaska Airlines flies.

Anchorage Market & Festival, an icon of Anchorage weekends since 1992, is fun and safe for the whole family. Leashed dogs are welcome, and we offer a dedicated dog-walking area. It is also accessible; wheelchairs and strollers are available at headquarters.

Find a Mother's Day gift at opening day on Saturday, May 9. Or better yet, bring Mom to the market on Sunday, May 10, for a special treat.

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Anchorage Market & Festival is Alaska's largest open-air market. Held each weekend from May through September in downtown Anchorage, the market presents over 300 vendor booths with a multitude of food and shopping choices. The market has been a family friendly destination since 1992. Anchorage Market & Festival is owned and operated by Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc., which also hosts holiday and theme shows. See details at www.anchoragemarkets.com.