



The Pantry Door



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Is There a Doctor in the House?



We are thrilled to have Lisa Zatz, a **Family Nurse Practitioner**, and Sharon Gorman, an RN, from 12:00 to 3:00 at HCP on Mondays! They will diagnose and treat minor illness and injury and refer to higher levels of care as needed!

This is on a first come, first serve basis!

Garden Project Schedule

This Sunday, May 24th, Kurt and Beth will be there from 10am-3pm. They will till the ground & get the beds framed in. They also hope to get the irrigation system set up. The goal is to get plants in the ground in the next couple of weeks. Folks are welcome to join them at any time that day.

Spring Is In The...Hare?



We were *all ears on deck* as we brought in Easter! Sarah, Heidi, Karen and Susan were part of the produce production. Vicky is our amazing recycling flop eared rabbit and Bunny Bette was on cart duty along with handing out the protein and doing the client intakes. Of course none of this would be possible without our fabulous morning crew prepping all the produce, fruits, breads and canned goods. What's more, none of that would be possible if we didn't have our passionate pick-up drivers going to the various stores throughout the week. It truly takes a dedicated *harem* to bring it all together!



The Homer Garden Club

Celebrating 100 Years

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Thanks to the Homer Garden Club we received a \$1,400 grant to put towards the rejuvenation of the Martindell People's Garden!



Initiating and spearheading the project are Beth VanZant and her husband, Kurt. We are in need of folks to do carpentry/woodworking (raised bed assembly). Plumbing/irrigation (drip system setup), heavy lifting (soil and mulch moving), and general labor (weeding and clearing debris). The other phase is in the actual maintenance. It includes planting (transplanting/seeding), weeding, watering, harvesting, general labor. If you are interested in signing up, there are 2 forms available at the front desk of the pantry and there are also forms on line. You could also contact Beth at 907-299-0301. (Pictured above are Kurt W, also known as Beth's husband, Jenny Michaels, Lin Maslow, Beth VanZandt and Sarah Bolton)

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Where's the Beef? Last year when the funding ended for much of the Farmer's Grant monies, a group from the Homer Farmers Market Donor Fund and Alaska Farmer's Market Association stepped forward with this amazing 770 lbs. of hamburger that McNeil Canyon Meats processed for the Homer Community Food Pantry! It is without a doubt one of the client favorites to receive! We can't begin to thank you enough! It certainly puts us in the 'moood' for meat!



Thank you to Joyce Turkington and the LDS Church for donating 23 birthday bags to be handed out to our young clients! They come complete with a cake, soda, icing, a card, a book and a toy. What a great sweet treat!

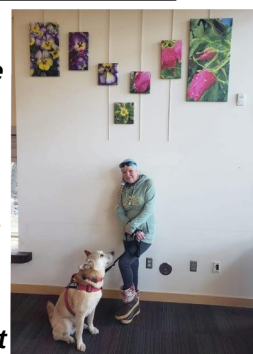
RJ Nelson, You Will Be Missed!



RJ and her best friend, Lyco,

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our longest volunteers, RJ Nelson. When it came to volunteer work throughout our community, you would generally find RJ. The American Legion, Special Olympics, Art Classes for special needs students, the Chamber events, The Salvation Army and of course, the Homer Community Food Pantry. When it came to caring and compassion, RJ was a champion. Not many can claim that Legacy.

Rest in peace, dear RJ.



Lyco, RJ and some of her art work.

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