#### CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUTY



AN ALASKA PHOTOGRAPHERS' CALENDAR



Mendenhall River, Juneau

John Hyde

### **JANUARY**

## ALASKA WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS 2026 CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUTY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Who's Tracks? Black Bear		man de la companya del companya de la companya de la companya del companya de la		City and Borough of Juneau, 1970 Governor Tony Knowles, 1943- Fairbanks-North Star, Kenai Peninsula, and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs, 1964	Sitka fire destroyed St. Michael's Cathedral, 1966 Robert Marshall, forester, 1901-1939	President Eisenhower signed Alaska statehood proclamation, 1959
4	Alessandro Malaspina, navigator, 1754-1809; Federal government sold Alaska Railroad to state, 1985	Barry Lopez, author, 1945-2020 Mt. Trident (Katmai NP) erupted, 1961	7 Eastern Orthodox Christmas	8	Baron Ferdinand Von Wrangell, Russian governor, 1797-1870	IO
Keith Nyitray arrived in Kotzebue, 1990, having walked length of Brooks Range	I2  Jack London, writer, 1876-1916	Celia Hunter, conservationist, 1919-2001 Submarine USS Alaska launched, 1985 First issue of Anchorage Daily News, 1946	Eastern Orthodox New Year  Record 2.145 million barrels of oil flowed through Trans-Alaska Pipeline in one day, 1988	Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968 First issue of The Alaska Free Press (Juneau), 1887	Record 47.5" 24-hr. snowfall, Valdez, 1990 1 billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 1980 Robert Service, poet, 1874-1958	I7
I8  Direct long-distance phone service to Alaska began, 1959	I9 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	20  Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge established, 1969	Colonel James Steese, civil engineer and soldier, 1882-1958	John B. Mertic, Jr., geologist, 1888-1980 Sun rises for the first time in 65 days at Utqiagvik	Coldest recorded temp -80°F (-79.8°C) at Prospect Creek Camp, 1971	24  Alaska's first pulp mill opened, Juneau, 1921
25	26	First dog team left Nenana with serum for Nome, 1925; Alaska Board of Road Commissioners established, 1905	28	29	30 December 2025	Record North American high pressure, 31.74 in Hg, Northway, Alaska 1989

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Always be careful (Yup'ik)



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Mount Drum and Mount Sanford in Winter photo by Ray Bulson

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## ALASKA WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS 2026 CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUTY

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Joe Reddington, Sr., musher, 1917-1999 U.S. Forest Service established, 1905 First	Marmot Day (Alaska)  Alaska Highway route is chosen, 1942 Diphtheria serum delivered to Nome	3	4  Attu battleground and airfields designated	5	6	7
issue of The Daily Alaskan, Skagway, 1898	by dogsled relay, 1925	79-inch snowfall in Valdez (3rd-6th), 1996	as national historic landmarks, 1985		Senator Ernest Gruening, 1887-1974	
8	First scheduled commercial airline flight to Deadhorse, 1969 Archdiocese of Anchorage, 1966	IO	Gov. Sarah Palin, 1964-; Marie Drake, author of "Alaska's Flag," 1888-1963	Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865 White Pass & Yukon Railroad shops burned, Skagway, 1932	Naomi Uemura, mountaineer, 1941-1984	Valentine's Day  Alexander Baranof, first Russian governor of Alaska, 1747-1819
Elmer Rasmuson, pioneer banker and philanthropist, 1909-2000	PRESIDENTS' DAY Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (Alaska)  ARCO and Humble Oil announce discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay, 1968	I7 Ramadan begins	I8 Ash Wednesday	Roxy Wright-Champaine is first woman to win Fur Rondy World Championship Sled Dog Race, Anchorage, 1989	Heritage Day (Yukon Territory)  Fred Machetanz, artist, 1908-2002 First passenger train to White Pass, 1899 Walter Mendenhall, geologist, 1871-1957	2I  Eielson made first airmail delivery in Alaska, Fairbanks-McGrath, 1924
22  George Washington, 1732-1799 Kluane, Nahanni, and Baffin Islands	23	24  First commercial airline flight, Europe-	25	Pope John Paul II in Anchorage, 1981 Glacier Bay National Monument, 1925 Mt. McKinley National Park, 1917	President Harding established National Petroleum Reserve-4 on North Slope, 1923	28
national parks established, Canada, 1972		Orient via Anchorage, 1957	E. H. Harriman, financier, 1848-1909	Arctic Brotherhood, Skagway, 1899	Bering Sea National Wildlife Refuge, 1909	First winter ascent of Denali, 1967
			and to		January	March

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Respect elders (including parents, teachers, etc.) (Unangan)



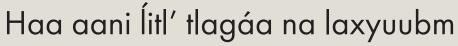
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
I	2	3	4	5	6	7 Susan Butcher Day (Alaska)
Gov. Keith Miller, 1925-; Ephraim Agnot, Sr., Native elder, 1926-1995 Olaus Murie, biologist, 1889-1963		First Iditarod Sled Dog Race, 1973 Board of Trade Saloon opened, Nome, 1901; Trade and Manufacturing Act extended to Alaska, 1891	World's Winter Special Olympics, largest sporting event ever held in Alaska, opened in Anchorage, 2001 (2,750 athletes) Capt. James Cook, navigator, 1728-1779			First successful solo winter ascent of Mt. Denali completed, Vern Tejas, 1988; Sonny Lindner won the first Yukon Quest, 1984; Fire destroyed McCarthy, 1919
8 Daylight Saving Time begins	Troops arrived in Dawson Creek to build Alaska Highway, 1942	Georg Wilhelm Steller, scientist, 1709-1746	Admiral Vasilii Chichagov, Russian navigator, 1726-1809	I2  DC-4 crashed on Mt. Sanford, killing 30, 1948; Alaska Railroad authorized, 1914 Mike Stepovich, territorial gov., 1919-2014	Lance Mackey first musher to win both Yukon Quest and Iditarod Sled Dog Race in same year, 2007; Hurricane-force, icy winds ripped through southcentral Alaska, 2003	I4  Alaska-Seattle commercial passenger service, International Airways, 1929
15	Michael Oleksa, Russian Orthodox priest and cultural communicator, 1947-2023 First winter ascent of Mt. Logan, Tejas party, 1986	St. Patrick's Day  Baranof Castle (Governor's House) burned, Sitka, 1894	I8 Ramadan ends	19	20 Spring Equinox  Libby Riddles, first woman to win Iditarod, 1985; Allen Expedition left Nuchuk, 1885; Gen. Wilds Preston Richardson, civil engineer, 1861-1929	2I  Women's suffrage in Alaska, 1913
22	23 Sitka National Monument, 1910	24  Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, 1989 Robert Atwood, publisher, 1907-1997	25	White Alice communication system dedicated, Elmendorf AFB, 1958 Richard G. McConnell, geologist, 1857-1942	Mount Augustine erupted, 1986 Robert Reeve, pioneer aviator, 1902-1980 M9.2 earthquake and tsunami hit Prince William Sound, 1964	28  Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senator and Governer, 1933-
29 Vietnam Veterans' Day Palm Sunday	30 Seward's Day (Alaska)	3I	Who's Tracks? Ptarmigan			



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Sunrise, Chugach State Park photo by Colin Tyler Bogucki

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## ALASKA WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS 2026 CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUTY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Who's Tracks? Porcupine	Maria.		Passover begins  Nunavut Territory established, Canada, 1999	Fishing vessel Arctic Rose sank in Gulf of Alaska, 15 died, 2001; Frank Peratrovich, legislator and Native leader, 1895-1984	Good Friday  Dick Willmarth won first Iditarod, 1973 Taylor and Anderson reached Denali's North Summit, 1910; Chilkoot Pass avalanche kills 65; John Burroughs, naturalist, 1837-1921; William Duncan, missionary, 1832-1918	4
Easter  Ripple Rock detonated in Seymour Narrows, 1958; First officially approved	6	7	8  Alaska-Juneau Mine closed, 1944	<b>9</b> Edward Hoffman. Sr., Yup'ik leader,	IO	Rep. Howard Pollock, 1920-2011 Troops began construction of pioneer road
I 2  Eastern Orthodox Easter  Father Aloysius Robaut, missionary, 1855-1930	Rep. Nicholas Begich, 1932-1972	William Ogilvie, surveyor, 1846-1912  I4	Russell Merrill, pioneer aviator, 1894-1929  I 5  U.S. tax returns due  Nunivak Island National Wildlife Refuge established, 1929	16 Sir John Franklin, explorer, 1786-1847	Sheldon Jackson College opened, Sitka,1878; Treaty of St. Petersburg signed by U. S. and Russia, 1824	for Alaska Highway, Ft. Nelson, BC, 1942
Senate approved Alaska Purchase, 1867 V. M. Golovnin, Russian navigator, 1776-1831	Sen. E. L. "Bob" Bartlett, 1904-1968 Sir William Logan, first director of the Canadian Geological Survey, 1798-1875	2I  John Muir, naturalist, 1838-1914	22 Earth Day  Chilkat State Park, 1970 Betzi Woodman, journalist, 1913-1990	Simon Paneak, Nunamuit cultural leader, 1900-1975	24 Arbor Day  Lake and Peninsula Borough, 1989	Joe Crosson made first landing on Muldrow Glacier, Mt. Denali, 1932
Second huge fire swept Dawson City, Yukon Territory, 1899	Flowers mushed solo to magnetic North Pole from Northwest Territories, 1991 13 billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 2000	28	Construction began on Dalton Highway, 1974	Henry Allen, explorer, 1859-1930 First winner, Nenana Ice Classic, 1917		

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Sandhill Cranes, Homer photo by Milo Burcham



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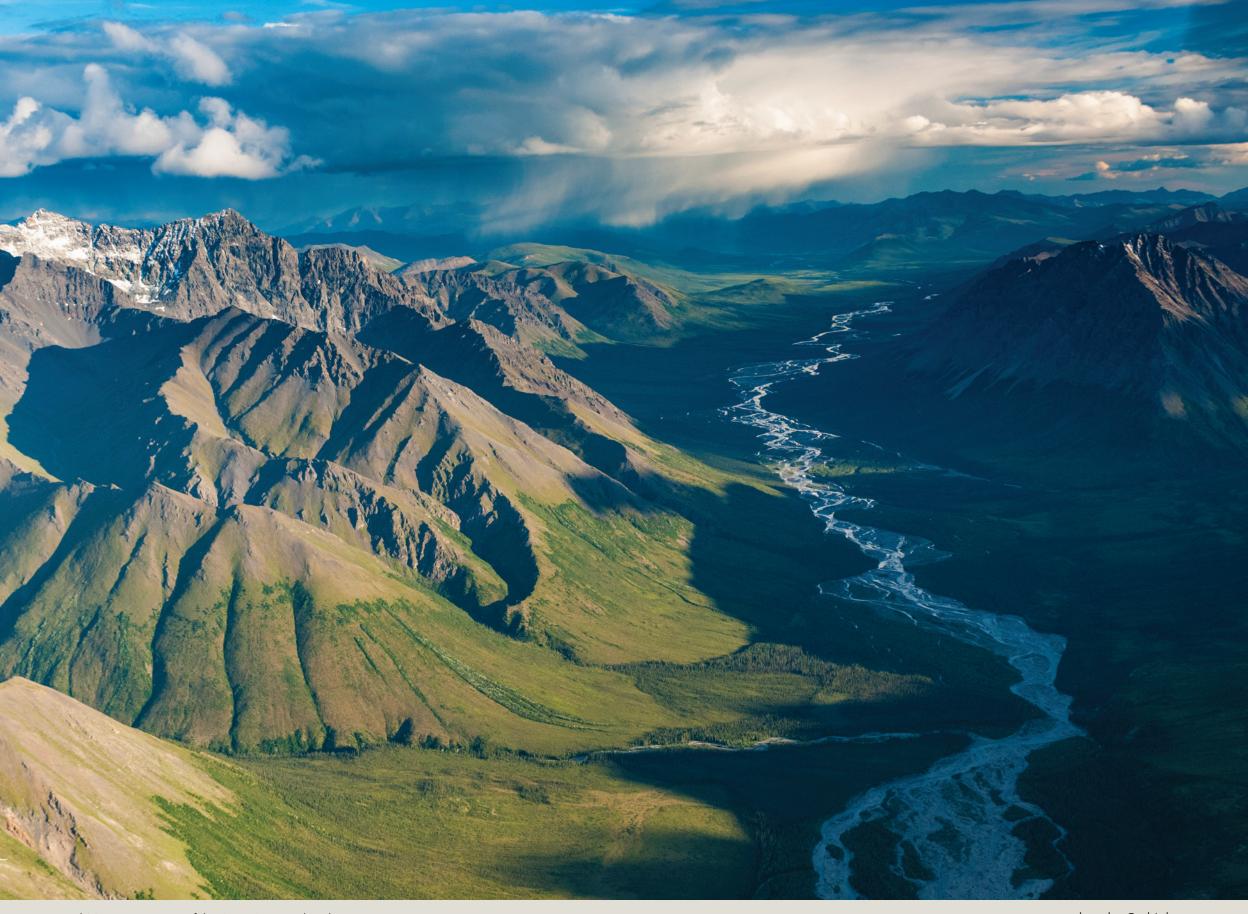
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Who's Tracks? Wolverine			No. de		Moose named "official land mammal," 1998; Roy Peratrovich, Native leader, 1901-1989	Fire swept Cordova, 1963; Benson's territorial flag design adopted, 1927
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
Homestead Act extended to Alaska by Congress, 1903; Chief James McKinley, Ahtna traditional chief, 1899-1991	Charles Hoyt, journalist, 1925-1974 Wilderness established in Alaska state parks, 1972	Gov. Michael Dunleavy, 1961 - Hubert H. Bancroft, historian, 1832-1918	Yukon River floods, 2009	William Paul, Tlingit leader, first Alaska Native attorney and first Alaska Native state legislator, 1885-1977	Chugach State Park, 1970 Edward Nelson, biologist, 1855-1934	Kachemak Bay State Park, 1970 George Davidson, geographer, 1825-1911
IO Mother's Day	II	12	13	I4	15	I6 Armed Forces Day
Sun rises in Utqiagvik and will not set for 84 days; Exxon Oil spill reached Katmai NP, 1989	U. S. Army landed on Attu, 1943	Farley Mowat, author, 1921-2014	Sen. Mike Gravel, 1930-2021 Dirigible Norge landed in Teller as first airship to pass over the North Pole, 1926			Capt. Jim Binkley, tourism pioneer, 1920-2003
I7	I8 Victoria Day (Canada)	19	20 Arbor Day (Alaska)	21	22	23
Fairbanks, 1945; District Organic Act creating District of Alaska, 1884; Native Allotment Act, 1906	Sheldon Jackson, educator, 1834-1909	First American scientific expedition to Russian America, Chicago-Ft. Yukon, 1859		John Borden, financier, 1884-1961	Sen. Lisa Murkowski, 1957-	First live radio broadcast from Denali's summit, 1984; Rep. Ralph Rivers, 1903-1976
inal weld on Trans Alaska Pipeline, 1977 enate ratified Alaska Purchase, 1867	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31			Construction began on White Pass and Yukon Railroad, 1898	Father Bernard Hubbard, priest, author and naturalist, 1888-1962; President Andrew Johnson signed Alaska Purchase, 1867	George Parks, territorial governor, 1883- 1984; First dog team reached Denali summit, 1979; 200 Matanuska Valley settlers selected by lottery, 1935	Harriman Scientific Expedition left Seattle for Alaska, 1899; 124 boats and more than 30,000 men left Lake Bennett for Dawson City, 1898.

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Who's Tracks? Alaskan Moose	I	2	3	4	5	6
	Alaska Aces won Kelly Cup, 2006 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opened, Seattle, 1909; Captain James Cook expedition explored Turnagain Arm, 1778	Miller's Reach Fire, June 2-10, 1996 Northwest Arctic Borough, 1986 Japanese bombed Dutch Harbor, 1942 Alessandro Malaspina reached coast near Sitka, 1791	10,000th climber on Denali, 1997 Robert "Bobby" Sheldon, Alaska pioneer, 1883-1983		First issue of Anchorage Times, 1915	Barbara Washburn first woman to summit Denali, 1947; Great Eruption at Novorup 1912; Territorial capital moved to Juneau from Sitka, 1906
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Galen Johnston, age 11, youngest climber atop Denali, 2001; Whittier Tunnel opened, 2000; Tatum, Harper, Stuck and Karstens first to reach Denali's South Summit, 1913 Noel Wien, pioneer aviator, 1899-1977		Rep. Don Young, 1933-2022; 8.0 earth- quake hit Yakutat, 1958; Belmore Browne, artist, mountaineer, and writer, 1880-1954	Chief Walter Northway, 1876-1993 KINY, Juneau's first TV station, 1956	Norma Jean Sanders first woman solo climb, Denali, 1990	Pribilof landed on St. George Island, 1786	Three Strawn brothers perished in climbin accident, Mt. Foraker, 2002 Alaska Airlines friendship flight, Nome- Provideniya, Russia, 1988
${ m I4}$ Flag Day	15	16	17	18	I9 EMANCIPATION DAY (Juneteenth)	20
Fire destroyed Hoonah, 1944				Daily passenger service on Alaska Rail- road, Fairbanks-Anchorage, 1951	First issue Bering Straits Record, 1996	Paul Tiulana, Inupiat artist, 1921-1994; First Moravian mission opened in Alaska, Bethel, 1884; First oil from Trans Alaska Pipeline, 1977
2I Father's Day Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25	26	27
Hours of daylight: Fairbanks: 21:49 Anchorage: 19:21 Juneau: 18:58	Confederate raider Shenandoah shelled whaling fleet, St. Lawrence Is., 1865 Mountain Avens chosen as official flower, Northwest Territories, 1869 George Vancouver, navigator, 1757-1798	Diocese of Juneau established, 1951 First successful ascent of Mt. Logan, 19,500 ft., 1925	Army base activated at Big Delta, 1942 Tlingits destroyed Redoubt St. Michael, Sitka, 1802		John Strohmeyer, journalist, 1924-2010	Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf Air Field activated, Anchorage, 1940; Hottest recorded temp 100°F (38°C) at Fort Yukon, 1915; Final connection made in Trans-Alaska Telegraph System, Salcha River, 1903
28	29	30				
550 lb halibut caught near Dutch Harbor		Klondike Gold Rush National Historical				



Wood-Tikchik State Park established, 1978

Park established, 1976

Senate passed Alaska Statehood bill, 1958

Help those in need (Yup'ik)

550 lb. halibut caught near Dutch Harbor, 1994



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Brown Bear and Salmon, Katmai National Park & Preserve



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Who's Tracks? Brown Bear	Ansa Lady La		Canada Day (Canada)  North Slope Borough organized, 1972 City & Borough of Juneau organized, 1970 Alaskan Fire Control Service, 1939	2  First McDonald's opened in Alaska, Anchorage, 1970	3 INDEPENDENCE DAY (Observed)  Alaska oil sold at \$144+ per barrel, 2008 Port for Red Dog zinc mine dedicated, 1986 First Alaska airplane flight, Fairbanks, 1913	Elizabeth Peratrovich, civil rights advocate, 1911-1958 First Mt. Marathon Race, Seward, 1909 President Arthur appointed John Kinkead first civilian governor of Alaska, 1884
5	6	7	8	9 Alaska Flag Day	IO	II
Record single-day harvest of 2.46M fish, Nushagak District, 2022; William Stolt, civic leader, 1900-2001; Magnus "Rusty" Heurlin, artist, 1895-1986	Two billionth salmon caught by Bristol Bay commercial fishery, 2016	President Eisenhower signed Alaska Statehood Act, 1958 North Pacific Fur Seal Convention, 1911	Sven Haakanson, Aleut elder, 1934-2002 Jefferson "Soapy" Smith shot, died in Skagway, 1898 Baranof landed on Kodiak Island, 1791	800-foot tidal wave devastated Lituya Bay, 1958	Carl Ben Eileson, aviator, 1897-1929 First land auction in Anchorage, 1915	Polar Endeavor, first double-hulled tanker, arrived in Valdez, 2001 Maiden voyage of ferry E. L. Bartlett, 1969
I 2 Pierre Berton, author, 1920-2004	I 3  Z. J. Loussac, civic leader, 1882-1965	Ketchikan pulp mill opened, 1954 House approved funds to buy Alaska by 113-43 vote, 1868 Shem Pete, Dena'ina' elder, 1896-1989	President Harding drove golden spike completing Alaska Railroad, Nenana, 1923; First Anchorage-Fairbanks flight, Noel Wien, 1924	I6  Vitus Bering, first European on Alaska mainland, landed on Kayak Is, 1741	I7  Alfred H. Brooks, geologist, 1871-1924	18
I9	Pirst commercial Alaska fly-in fishing trip, Admiralty Island, 1929	Gov. Jay Hammond, 1922-2005 First U.S. Forest Service visitor center in U.S. dedicated, Mendenhall Glacier, 1962	22	Eustace Zeigler, artist, 1881-1969 Swanson River oil field discovered, 1957 Chugach National Forest established, 1907	24  Gold discovered near Livengood, 1914	25 Ted Stevens Day (Alaska)
26 Parents' Day	First oil from North Slope reached Valdez terminal, 1977 Philip S. Smith, geologist, 1877-1949	28  C-17 plane crash, 4 died, Anchorage, 2010 White Pass and Yukon Railroad, 1900	29	30	Robert Griggs expedition views Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes (Katmai), 1916	
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Help others (Unangan)



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### **AUGUST**

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Who's Tracks? Barren-ground Caribou				and we are		First tanker left Valdez with north slope oil, ARCO Juneau, 1977 George Dawson, geologist, 1849-1901; Kotzebue entered Kotzebue Sound, 1816
Sun sets in Utqiagvik for first time in 84 days Bobby Sheldon first to drive a car from Fairbanks to Valdez, 1913; "Alaska City" chosen as city name by residents, 1915, but U.S. Postmaster decided on Anchorage.	Givic Day (Canada)  Shelikov established first Russian colony, Kodiak Island, 1784	4	5	Chugach State Park established, 1970 First ascent of Mt. Foraker, north summit, 19,400 ft., by Houston party, 1934	7	B  Diocese of Fairbanks established, 1962
Sen. Ted Stevens, four others died in plane crash, southwest Alaska, 2010; First official Alaska government land survey, 1887	Ray Petersen, pioneer aviator, 1912-2008 Howard Rock, publisher/artist, 1911-1976 Czar Paul I granted first charter to Russian American Company, 1799	II	I 2  15,000th tanker departed Valdez, 1997 Philemon Tutiakoff, Native leader, 1927- 1985; Alaska Territorial Act, 1912	I3  First flight over Denali summit, Matt Nieminen, 1930	I4  Alascom incorporated, 1969	Chena River flooded Fairbanks, 1967 Will Rogers and Wiley Post lost en route Fairbanks-Utqiagvik (Barrow), 1935
Crystal Serenity departed Seward for 32- day cruise to New York City via Northwest Passage, 2016; Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, 1941; Klondike Gold Rush began, 1896	Discovery Day (Yukon Territory)  Joe Juneau and Richard Harris discovered gold near Juneau, 1880	Governor Walter Hickel, 1919-2010 Margaret Murie, conservationist, 1902- 2003; Mt. Spurr erupted, 1992; Sir John Franklin named Prudhoe Bay, 1826	First (and northernmost) high school football game, Barrow, 2006 Floods battered Mat-Su Borough, 2006	Alexander Archipelago Forest Reserve created by Theodore Roosevelt, 1902 City of Kenai founded by Russians, 1791	Gov. Steve Cowper, 1938- George Delong, explorer, 1844-1881 William Dall, naturalist, 1845-1927; Vitus Bering landed on St. Lawrence Is., 1728	22
30 Allen expedition reached St. Michaels, 1885	24  Judge James Wickersham, 1857-1939  3 I  Rep. Mary Peltola, 1973-	Milo Fritz, pioneer doctor, 1909-2000	Alaskans approved statehood, 1958 Roald Amundsen completed first transit of the Northwest Passage, 1905	27	Mt. McKinley officially renamed Denali by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, 2015	Haines Borough established, 1968 Joe Crosson flew over Denali summit without oxygen, 1931
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Brown Bear, Kodiak Island photo by Jennifer Smith

### **SEPTEMBER**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
Who's Tracks? Gray Wolf		I	2	3	4	5				
4		Alaska Reindeer Act, 1937	First presidential visit north of Arctic Circle, President Obama, 2015	First stoplight installed in Sitka, 2005 McKinley Park hotel burned, 1972	Dept. of Commerce awarded USSR passenger route to Alaska Airlines, 1990	Roald Amundson cabled discovery of Northwest Passage from Eagle, 1905				
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	IO	Rosh Hashanah begins	12				
Ketchikan Gateway Borough, 1963 van Veniaminov, Russian missionary to he Aleuts, 1797-1879	SS Princess Kathleen sank at Lena Point, 1952; Franklin and Madison discovered gold on the Fortymile, 1886			Tongass National Forest established, 1907	Alaska aviation shut down for three days after terrorist attack on U.S. cities, 2001					
I3 Grandparents' Day	I4	15	16	17	18	19				
Marvin Mangus, artist, 1924-2009 Fire burned Nome, 1905		Municipality of Anchorage, 1975 Five billionth barrel of oil to Valdez, 1986		Thomas Riggs, territorial governor, 1873- 1945; Fire destroyed Nome, 1934	Eielson Air Force Base dedicated, Fairbanks, 1948 University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1922	First issue of Fairbanks News, 1903				
20 Yom Kippur begins	2I	22 Autumn Equinox	23	24	25	26				
Kenai Peninsula drenched by typhoon rains, floods, 1995	Denali State Park established, 1970 First reindeer released on Unalaska and Amaknak Islands, 1891	City and Borough of Yakutat, 1992 Lindberg party discovered gold at Anvil Creek, Nome, 1898	Marcus Baker, cartographer, 1849-1903	Lend-lease Russian pilots arrived in Fairbanks, 1942 Katmai National Monument, 1918	Rival railroad construction crews fought in Keystone Canyon, Valdez, 1907	Japanese Emperor Hiroito met Presider Nixon in Alaska, 1971				
27	28	29  Kodiak Star, first orbital rocket launched at Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, 2001	30							



Creating friends (Iñupiaq)

Southeast State Forest, 2010



Kodiak Island Borough established, 1963

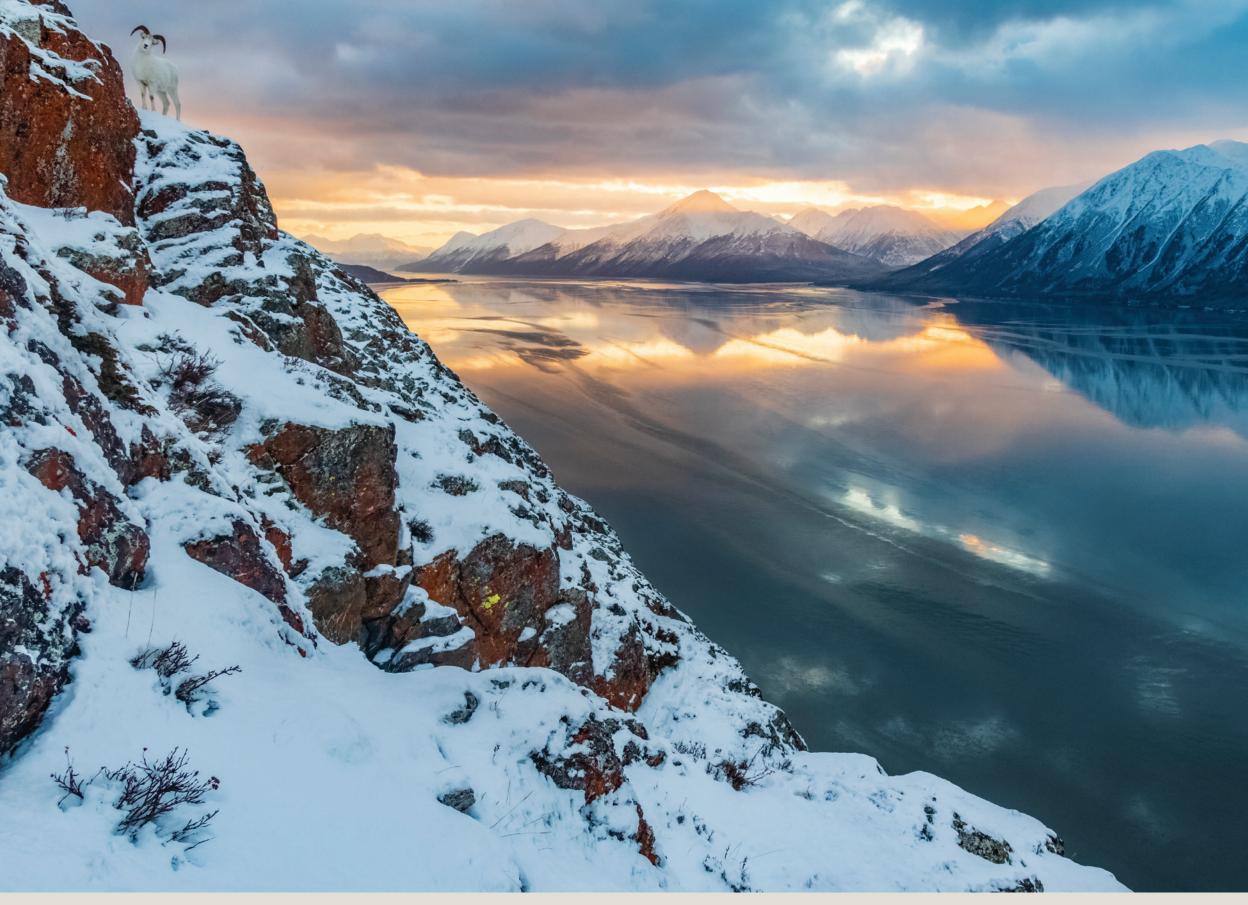
Dalton Highway dedicated, 1974 Lt. Frederick Schwatka, explorer and writer,

1849-1892

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Dall Sheep, Turnagain Arm photo by Matthew Quaid

### **OCTOBER**

## ALASKA WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS 2026 CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUTY

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Who's Tracks? Dall Sheep		المناسور		First issue of Tundra Times, 1962 First radio broadcast, KFAR-AM, Fairbanks, 1939	Milrow nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1969 Bristol Bay Borough, 1962	Frederica de Laguna, anthropologist, 1906-2004	
4	5	6	7	8	9	IO	
Trans Alaska Pipeline shot by gunman, 6,800 barrels of oil spilled, 2001 "Klondike Kate" Rockwell, entertainer, 1876-1957	Winds, rain, floods batter Seward, Valdez and Cordova, 7 days, 2006	Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Jr. 1923-2016 Alaska Federation of Natives, 1966	Hubbard Glacier ice dam broke, 1986	Governor William Egan, 1914-1984	Largest auction in state history: 33,000 tons of Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup gear, 1990		
II	I2 COLUMBUS DAY Thanksgiving (Canada) Indigenous People's Day (Alaska);	13	I4	15	16	I7	
Seward devastated by floods, 1986; Cruise ship Prinsendam sank in Gulf of Alaska, 1980; Yukon River Bridge completed, 1975	Bennie Benson, designer of state flag, 1913- 1972;15.2" of rain fell on Angoon, 1982; (state record for 24-hour period)		Sydney Laurence, artist, 1865-1940	Chief Peter John, Athabascan traditional chief, 1900-2003	Rep. Nicholas Begich and Sen. Hale Boggs lost en route Anchorage-Juneau, 1972	Charles Sheldon, naturalists, and author, 1867-1928	
Alaska Day (Alaska)	I9 Alaska Day (observed)	Typhoon Oscar battered southcentral Alaska, Kenai River and Seward floods, 1995 Alaska-British Columbia boundary dispute	Federal homesteading laws expired in Alaska, 1986; Merrill's plane wreckage discovered para Funch 1929	Sowerby arrived in Prudhoe Bay, driving from Tierra del Fuego in 24 days, 1987	Alautians Fast Barauch espanized 1987	24	
Stars and Stripes raised at Sitka, 1867  25  SS Princess Sophia sank near Juneau, 1918.	26	settled, 1903  27  Aurora I telecommunications satellite	discovered near Tyonek, 1929  28  Kodiak linked to mainland Alaska with fiber optic cable, 2006 Two stranded gray whales left Utajagyik	President Bush signed bill for \$15 million in WWII war reparations to Aleuts, 1989	Aleutians-East Borough organized, 1987	3 I Halloween	
All 288 passengers and 61 crew died.	U.S. Navy shelled Angoon, 1882	launched, 1982	after international rescue effort, 1988	Long Shot nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1965	Alaska time zones combined, 1983	Juneau-Douglas Bridge opened, 1935  November	

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### NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
I Daylight Saving Time ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
	Voters approved Alaska Permanent Fund, 1976	7.9 earthquake rocked Interior, 2002; City dock collapsed by 12-foot wave, Skagway, 1994; Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, and ethnographer, 1879-1962	Richard Nelson, Alaskan anthropologist, author, and soundscape artist, 1941-2019 Will Rogers, humorist, 1879-1935	First missile launch, Kodiak Launch Facility, 1998	Cannikin nuclear test, Amchitka Is., 1971	Eben Hobson, Native leader, 1922-1980
8	9	IO	VETERANS DAY Remembrance Day (Canada)	12	13	I4
lke P. Taylor, Alaska road commissioner, 1890-1963	Aviator Carl Ben Eielson lost en route Teller-Siberia, 1929	Iditarod National Historic Trail, 1978	Last train left Kennicott, 1938 Hudson Stuck, missionary, 1863-1920	Elmendorf Field and Ft. Richardson designated by War Department, 1940	Henry Wood Elliott, conservationist, and artist, 1846-1930; Robert Kennicott, explorer and naturalist, 1835-1866	Dr. Walter Soboleff, Native leader, 1908-2011
15	I 6	I7	I8  Sen. Ted Stevens, 1923-2010; Sun sets in	I9  Whittier-Portage railroad tunnel	Don Sheldon, aviator, 1921-1975 Alaska Highway officially opened, 1942	2I
22	1973	24	Ułqiagvik last time for 65 days  25	26 THANKSGIVING	First issue, Wrangell Sentinel, 1902  27	28
29	30	Who's Tracks? Canada Lynx				<b>42</b> 00

7.1 magnitude earthquake Anchorage, 2018; Kennecott mine shut down, 1938; Anthony Dimond, legislator to Congress, 1881-1953

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Sunrise, Knik Glacier photo by Travis Saunders

### **DECEMBER**

### ALASKA WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS 2026 CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUTY

		TELL TO THE CELEBRATING ALASKA'S WILD BEAUT						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
Who's Tracks? Snowshoe Hare		President Carter proclaimed 15 new national monuments in Alaska, 1978	Dalton Highway opened to public travel to Deadhorse, 1994 President Carter signed Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 1980	Augie Hiebert, broadcast pioneer, 1916-2007	Hanukkah begins  MV Selendang Ayu ran aground Unalaska Island, spilling 350,000 gallons fuel oil, killing six crewmembers, 2004	Arctic, Izenbeck, and Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Refuges established, 1960		
Denali Borough organized, 1990 Vitus Bering, navigator, died, 1681-1741	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	Anchorage International Airport officially opened, 1951; Israel Russell, geologist, 1852-1906; John Kinkhead, first American territorial governor for Alaska, 1826-1904	First commercial flight over the North Pole from Fairbanks, Alaska Airlines, 1951 Father Bellamine Lafortune, missionary, 1869-1947	I2  City and Borough of Sitka, 1971		
Larry Beck, entertainer, 1935-1990	I4  Mt. Redoubt volcano eruptions began, 1989 Hazen Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1937	15	I6  Kenai National Moose Range, 1941	I7  Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 1971	I8  Byron Birdsall, artist, 1937-2016	I9  Col. Norman Vaughan, explorer, 1905-2005		
20	Hours of daylight: Anchorage: 5:27 Fairbanks: 3:41 Juneau: 6:22 James "Hobo Jim" Varsos singer and song writer, 1951-2021	22	23	Afognak Forest and Fish Culture Reserve established by President Harrison, 1892	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Boxing Day (Canada)  Susan Butcher, musher, 1954-2006		
27	28	29  Col. William "Billy" Mitchell, aviator,	30  Lt. Otto Von Kotzebue, Russian navigator,	3I New Year's Eve				



1879-1936

How are you? (Haida - Alaska)

Historic Sourdough Roadhouse burned, 1992



1788-1846

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### MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHERS



John Hyde wildthingsphotography.Com Juneau, Alaska © CANON January

My photography was born from my appreciation of all things wild and by an inherent quest to explore the natural world around me. I can't imagine doing anything else that would provide the satisfaction I receive from sharing my work with others, opening windows that help enrich their lives and appreciation for the intrinsic values of wild things and wild places. Students often ask me what the "perfect picture" is and that is simple: The perfect picture is the one that drives you to make another. Each image should be viewed as a steppingstone to the next. That is the philosophy that drives my creative vision.



Kate & Adam Rice karphotography.net Anchorage, Alaska SONY Cover, July

Kate and Adam Rice are award-winning wildlife photographers based in Anchorage, Alaska. Renowned for their stunning images, they travel globally to capture the beauty of wildlife, with a special focus on Alaska and it's iconic bears. When not in the field, they curate their gallery, KAR Photography Gallery and Gifts, in downtown Anchorage. Their passion for these magnificent creatures inspired them to co-found For the Love of Bears, a non-profit dedicated to bear conservation. Through their photography, Kate and Adam aim to share captivating stories that inspire a deeper appreciation for bears and wildlife, fostering a greater commitment to conservation.



Lara Lyn Gregory lauralynphotography.com Fairbanks, Alaska © NIKON August

I spent my childhood learning to photograph on countless disposable cameras before upgrading to a 35mm Pentax. After graduate school in 2012, I happily accepted an opportunity to trade in the cows and cornfields of southern Illinois for wolves and wilderness in Alaska. I found my longing for adventures fulfilled in Alaska, and Denali became my backyard. In my nine years in Fairbanks, I've enjoyed learning more about myself while expanding my love for the outdoors and photography. I strive to fill my days exploring more of Alaska, capturing moments with the diverse wildlife that live in this great state.



Ray Bulson raybulson.com Eagle River, Alaska © OM DIGITAL SOLUTIONS February

I first visited Alaska in 2000 to Gates of the Arctic and Denali National Parks. I was mesmerized by the sights outside the airplane window during the flight to Anchorage. Sensing my excitement, an Alaskan resident sitting next to me said that Alaska gets in your blood and that I would return. He was right. After a 25-year career in engineering, I moved to Alaska in 2006 to pursue my passion for nature photography. Now a full-time photographer, I offer stock imagery, fine art prints and calendars, and provide photographic instruction through classroom and field workshops, and on-line webinars. Moving here fulfilled a lifelong dream.



Carl Johnson arcticlight-ak.com Anchorage, Alaska © NIKON December

I moved to Alaska in 1999, having previously lived in six states and one U.S. territory as a military dependent and serving in the Navy. I received my first formal photography training in the Navy, emphasizing a photojournalistic style. My love for nature photography grew from guiding in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota. My time in Alaska has instilled a deep love for the landscapes, wildlife and people of the Arctic. Photographing and sharing the wild places of the Arctic gives me great pleasure.



Matthew Quaid greatnorthernimages.com Anchorage, Alaska © NIKON March, November

I was born and raised in Anchorage and developed a love for being outside at a young age. When I started taking pictures, I quickly became hooked on capturing my adventures to share with friends and family. I began spending more and more time outside, sometimes sitting for hours to study the landscape and surrounding wildlife. Years later, I find myself in the same position, spending long periods of time to get that perfect shot. I've had the luck of both witnessing and photographing many great spectacles of nature that will forever remain in my memory.



Travis Saunders photonaddict.com Butte, Alaska SONY December

Being born and raised in Alaska since 1978 has instilled a passion for the beauty all around me. I started working in a career in 2009 that takes me all over the state and allows me to see more of Alaska than most Alaskans ever will. In 2015 I started getting serious about taking photos on my trips. I find the process of photography therapeutic as the study of Alaskan nature is so uplifting. Thanks to my career and my photography I have made and captured some amazing experiences that I will never forget.



Sergius Hannan sergiushannan.com Soldotna, Alaska © NIKON March, November

Growing up in Homer, Alaska, I've always been surrounded by beauty. I didn't quite realize what I had until I left for college in Minnesota, where I earned a biology degree. Upon my return to Alaska, I fell in love with the landscapes and wildlife around me. Eager to capture and share Alaska's natural wonders through my photography, I spent more time exploring the Kenai Peninsula's wild places. My hobby eventually transformed into a full-time job after becoming more established as a photo guide, freelancer, and artist.



Colin Tyler Bogucki colintyler.com Eagle River, Alaska © NIKON

I grew up in northern Minnesota, developing a connection with the natural world at a young age. Upon moving to Alaska in 1996, I soon discovered the art of photography after receiving a life-changing gift of a camera for Christmas. After attending a beginning photography course at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, as well as local community class, I began to find satisfaction in creating beautiful, unique images of wildlife and natural scenes. After several publication successes, my desire to explore and create photos took me to several international destinations. I will always find the means to explore, create, and share the magic of the natural world.



Milo Burcham milosphotos.com Cordova, Alaska © CANON

As a wildlife biologist and photographer living in Cordova, Alaska, for the past 20 years, I'm passionate about capturing the beauty of all wildlife, from reptiles and amphibians to birds and mammals, to create awareness and appreciation. I genuinely believe that humans will conserve what they understand, and I have worked closely with conservation groups to highlight issues that threaten biodiversity. I love exploring the many remote regions of my home state and international travel to experience more of the world's exotic wildlife and diverse ecosystems.



Jennifer Smith
fjsmithphotography.com
Cordova, Alaska

Cordova, Alaska
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A gift of a black and white photo class from my parents as a 7th grader led to a lifelong passion for wildlife photography. Growing up in Yellowstone allowed me to immerse myself in some of nature's most spectacular wonders and fostered a desire to move to Alaska. After a successful teaching career, I could focus full time on photography and spend a portion of every year photographing bears. Living on Kodiak Island and close to Katmai National Park, I've been able to observe, photograph, and spend time in the field with not only bears but Alaska's other amazing subjects.



#### **COVER SHOT**

We selected this image for our cover because it tells such a great story about the role of salmon in Alaska's ecosystem. The rich color and poised position of the bear added an element of anticipation that makes a great photo.



#### BROWN BEAR & SALMON, KATMAI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE

Photographing brown bears during the salmon run in Alaska is always thrilling. Watching these powerful creatures chase and dive for the vibrant red fish is a mesmerizing sight. From above the creek, I saw salmon gathering in calm water, resting before their journey upstream. As the bear passed, it couldn't resist the dense, fish-filled pool. Unable to chase through the shallows, it plunged into the deep, thrashing desperately, hoping for a catch. The raw energy and urgency of the moment captured the struggle of nature, both beautiful and intense.

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#### **GUEST ARTIST**

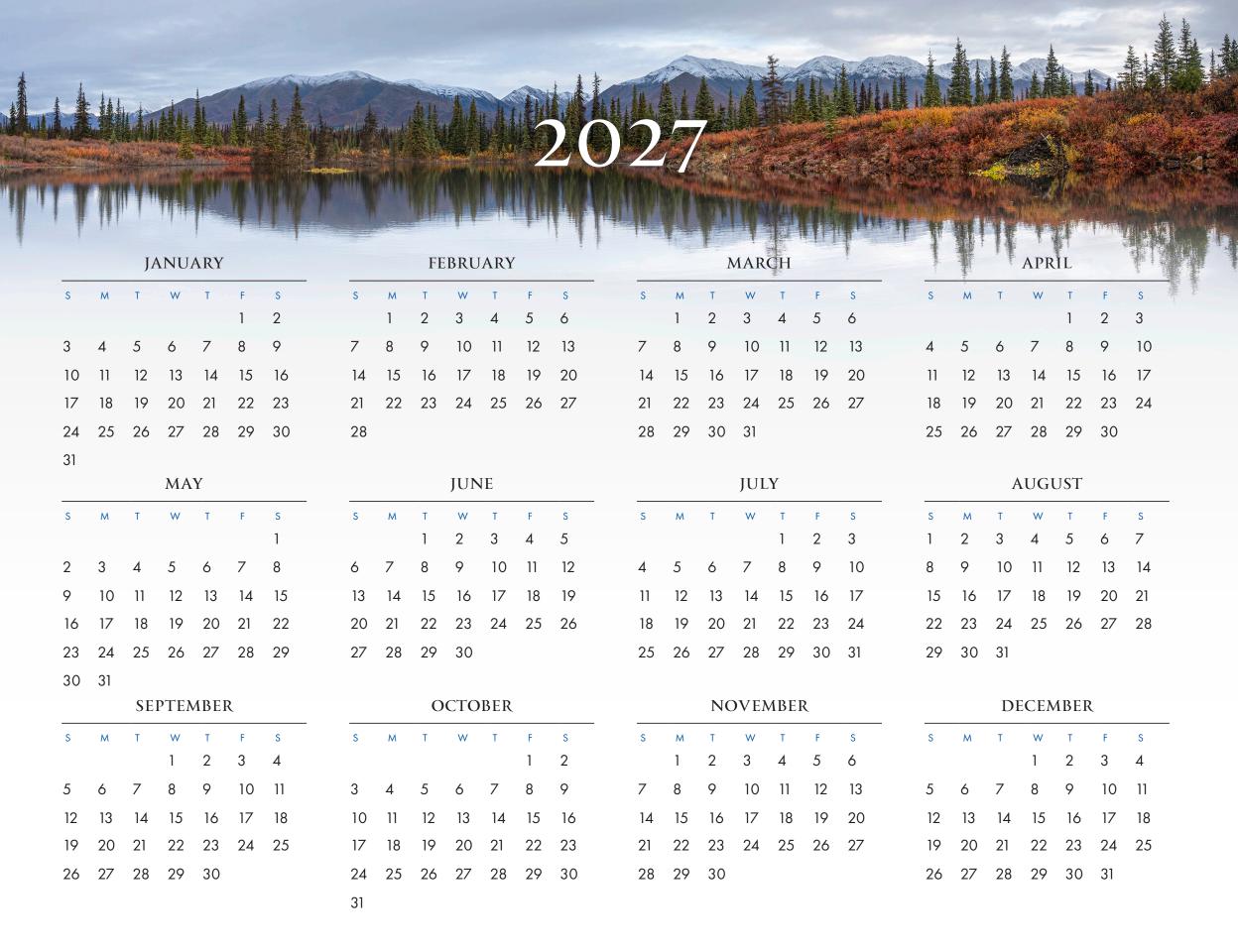


#### Katerina Wessels Anchorage, Alaska

Frolicking Fireweed Artist
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My artistic inspiration comes from the everchanging beauty of colors, lights, and shadows of Alaskan vistas, flowers, animals, and people. I aspire to share these intangible feelings with others through my creations. I painted my first oi

I aspire to share these intangible feelings with others through my creations. I painted my first oil painting on a piece of cardboard at the age of 4. Since then, I continued to create with whatever mediums I could find, but didn't receive a formal education in arts until I entered college. In 1990, right after graduating from university in Moscow, USSR, I moved to Alaska, and I have been calling it home ever since. Although life took me away from art for many years while I was pursuing a career with the Department of the Interior and raising kids, my creative streak never faded. Now, I try to dedicate as much time as possible outside of my regular job to creating art and photography!



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