

## Gold Rush Saloon

537 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. 1959 – 1983

3399 Peger Rd. 1983 – 2016

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**LIKE DAYS OF OLD** — Johnny Wright, bartender at the Gold Rush Saloon, hands suds to customers Lou Kinda (left) and Ed Merck. That sight in the foreground is the free lunch dispensed daily at the tavern.

Lunch is only one of a number of items which owner Bud Vigue hopes will create old Alaska atmosphere in the bar. It is hung with ancient riples, has turn-of-century nickelodean, can-can girls.

—JY Photo Service

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**BEGORRA! 'Ave you HEARD**  
**PAT MITCHELL**  
 IS NOW A PARTNER WITH POP AND BUD VIGUE  
 at the  
**GOLD RUSH SALOON**

... And they all invite you to the big  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

Entertainment by:  
 • THE CAN-CAN GIRLS  
 • AL ROBINSON  
 With ALKALI IKE

• JUNE PHILLIPS  
 On the Rink-A-Tink

Special Feature  
**GREEN DRAFT BEER**  
 FREE LUNCH! NOON 'TIL 2 P.M.

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
 CONTINUOUS FROM 5 P.M.



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*"Just like the good old days" . . .*

**GOLD RUSH SALOON**

- Tap Beer
- Wines & Liquors
- Floor Shows Nightly

See the charming  
 Can Can Girls

**FIRST AVE., FAIRBANKS**



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**BY POPULAR DEMAND**  
TO THE  
**Gold Rush Saloon**  
THE RETURN OF THE  
**CAN CAN DANCERS**

SHOWS EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR

PLUS

★ ★  
**JUNE PHILLIPS** ★ ★

★ at the RIK A' TIK PIANER ★

The Biggest Piano Bar in the U.S.A.

**FREE LUNCH**

**Daily From**  
**12 Noon 'Til 2 P.M.**

Old Time Surroundings — Continuous Entertainment

★ ★ 537 1ST AVENUE

★ ★ NO COVER CHARGE ★ ★

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# GOLD RUSH SALOON

537 FIRST AVE.

AFTER FIVE YEARS, STILL PRESENTING

**"Junie" at the  
PIANO**

PLAYING SONGS OF  
THE "GOLD RUSH" ON  
THE RINKY-TINK  
PIANO



**Free Lunch**

... EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS  
LOTS OF MOOSE & CARIBOU LEFT



Featuring  
at the  
**SILVER DOLLAR  
BAR**

**"Al's Trio"**

Western Music

Starting Thurs.

April 30th

8:30 to 1:30

**FREE FISH FRY**

Starting Sunday

Afternoon

7:00 To 9 P.M.





**END OF AN ERA**—Joe Check, left, tends "chow day" at the Gold Rush Saloon. Started over five years ago to help tide construction workers through the winter, the daily

free lunch has now become a casualty of high overhead such as the 5 per cent sales tax in town. Saturday will mark the last, possibly the best, chow day.

—News-Miner Staff Photo



Peger Road location

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**1983 – 2016 (3399 Peger Road):**

Poker tournaments, line-dancing,  
sponsored sport teams, Dance4Fun.

Bar closed in 2016.

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