

# Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

August 2009

Wrangell Chamber of  
Commerce Upcoming  
Events :

- School Supply Drive in August
- September Board Meeting
- Harvest Festival in October
- Early Trick or Treating in October
- Festival of Lights in December
- Jolly Shopping Weekend in December

People are more violently opposed to fur than leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs.

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2009 Annual King Salmon Derby Winner Wayne Spencer with a 53.4lb King.

## Wrangell's 4th of July Extravaganza



Hundreds returned to Wrangell to celebrate this years 4th of July celebration. Wrangell's weather was record setting for this time of year. There were family friendly events being held from the June 28 until July 5th including Scrapfish derbies, egg toss, food booths, Coronation dance, and much, much more. There were wonderful turn out, for most events and new chair people for some of the big events. Penny Allen took over the Big Wheel races with help

from Holly Hammer. The street races and Art Clark-Scrapfish Derby were handed down from Cynda Stough and family to Greg and Tammi Meissner with help from Katrina and Mike Ottesen and family.

The 4th of July Royalty Contest had more contestants than kitchens to start this year, a change from the past couple of years. Samantha Feller, Samuel Comstock, Sara Gillen, and Joe Lewis ran for 4th of July Royalty. All contestants did a wonderful job running food booths and selling tickets. With three food booths open for business during the month of June folks had a variety of meals to choose from includ-

ing Bill's famous ribs, hot Chinese lunches, and Dungeness/ king crab feeds. All had fantastic uses for their royalty earnings including trips to Australia, college tuition, and supporting their families. Samantha Feller came out the winner selling 18,496 tickets. Many thanks going out to all the people who volunteered to make this years 4th of July happen!



Samantha Feller

## Wrangell's Annual King Salmon Derby

Wrangell's 2009 Annual Salmon Derby went off without a hitch. Organized by the Derby Committee, over 800 derby tickets were sold this year. Awards night was held at the Nolan Center and prizes were announced by committee members, Jeff

and Dawn Angerman. Prizes ranged from fishing tackle, business certificates to a recliner. Participants also won cash prizes. The winning fish came in at 53.4lbs was caught by Wayne Spencer of Wrangell. According to Bruce Harding, the Derby Commit-

tee is recruiting new members. If you are interested in serving on this valuable committee, please attend a meeting at the Chamber office on Friday, August 28th at noon.

## Chambers Business Spotlight: Zaks' Café



Katherine and James at during their fundraiser

Sitting in Zak's Café you'll notice the friendly and quirky feel that the owners have created over the years.

Zak's Café is owned and operated by James and Katherine George and they have been in business since their opening day July 5, 2001.

The restaurant has been a family owned and operated business since the

beginning when it was named after George's nephew, Zachary Lane and Zak's older sister helped pick some of the items on the menu. They offer a variety of dishes with something for everyone including daily homemade soups and recipes that they bring back from their travels.

George and Katherine have been very active with fundraisers over the years contributing to everything from the Humane

Society, Heifer International, and local causes. They have found that the "Pay what you can" dinner nights go over very well for raising money for the cause. On "pay what you can" dinners, Zak's offers one dish all night and have people pay whatever amount they can for the meal instead of having a set price. Zak's café is a great asset to Wrangell's Community!

## Welcoming our newest member, Last Frontier Computers

Owned and operated by Ned Ousley, Last Frontier Computers brings 9 years of experience in computer and IT services to local business and home users alike. Previous work includes aviation maintenance, teaching, and computer based training design. Ousley has split his time between Pacific NW and Florida, and has been visiting Wrangell since the early 1980's.

Ned describes himself as a family guy, who is dedicated to providing honest and quality service to his customers. Ned can be reached at 305-9006. Ned and his 4 children moved to Wrangell from Florida in June and are enjoying the friendly small town atmosphere. Ned is no stranger to Wrangell though, having visited his brothers, Steve and Peter Helgeson over the last few dec-

ades. A warm welcome is extend to the Ousley family!

## Tips for saving money...

When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy.  
Samuel Goldwyn  
US (Polish-born) movie producer (1882 - 1974)

**Combine your cable, internet and telephone service.** Companies now offer combined services that not only cost less, but offer the convenience of a single bill. **Request a reduction in the interest rate for your home equity line of credit.** **Pay your life insurance annually.** Insurance companies charge you more if you pay monthly, quarterly or semi-annually. Pay once a year and you'll pay less. **Get healthy.**

Your health will directly impact the cost of life insurance and, in some cases, can reduce the cost of your health insurance. **Take your lunch to work one more day a week than you do now.** Eating out at lunch is fun, so don't eliminate it completely. But taking lunch just one more day a week will keep money in your pocket. **Always go with a list.** If you go without a list, you may as well just throw your money away.

Prepare a list of everything you need, making sure you have everything needed for your weekly menu (next tip) and checking to make sure you don't have it in your pantry, fridge or freezer. Make sure you're not forgetting anything. Now stick to that list — don't buy anything not on the list.

## Wrangell reaches out to help its community members



The community of Wrangell has proven time and time again that even when the economy is not prospering, the community can still pull together to provide financial and emotional support for their neighbors in need.

In the last few weeks the community has sponsored benefits and made donations for the children of Julie Brown. The Brown family experienced the loss of family members in a recent fire..

In the last few weeks there was a garage sale at the SNO building. This four day event was very successful with donations from throughout the community. Also held the same week was a benefit dinner at Zaks

Café and a Fun Run which was sponsored by Crossings.

The family is still in need of items and if you are interested in donating you can contact Janell Privett at 874-2074 or Carol Snoddy at 874-3538

## Wrangell Artist Website ready to launch...



The Wrangell Artist website was launched on Monday, August 10th. It has taken several months of preparation, finding interested artists, building the website, and writing grants. Creators Tis Peterman

and Haley Waddington find great joy in knowing that their project is now up and running. Wrangell Artist website was created with the hopes to promote our local art scene that has so much talent and not enough publicity. The website creates a place for artists to advertise and sell their artwork outside of Wrangell. The artists that are involved in the first year trial include Barb Rugo,

Clara Haley, and Chris Cawthorne. You can view these artist's work and more at [www.wrangellartist.com](http://www.wrangellartist.com).

There are still spots open for those interested in participating. For further information, please contact Haley or Tis at the Chamber office at 907-874-3901 or stop in with your art work.

## Wrangell Carving Shed Committee Update...

Grant writing continues for possible funding revenue for the Chief Shakes Tribal House renovation and carving shed construction. The next step is setting up container vans on the site next to the SNO building as walls for a temporary carving shed. Trusses will be constructed for a roof for the temporary site by the end of September. SHED T-shirts may be

purchased online at [shakesisland.com](http://shakesisland.com) or at the Chamber office. Over 1,500 hits have been recorded on the site thus far. One of the pages on the site is dedicated to memories of Shakes Island. If you have a special memory or a special photo you would like to share please visit the site. The latest memory was contributed by Terry Alsdurf, a former

Wrangellite known to friends as Big Terry. All are welcome at SHED meetings each Wednesday at Noon upstairs at the SNO building.

brinkmanship

(noun)  
[BRINGK-mahn-ship']

1. the policy of pushing a dangerous situation to the brink of disaster (to the limits of safety):

"Peter and Susan were able to save their relationship when they replaced the brinkmanship with some genuine discourse."

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*Leading our community to a  
brighter future !*

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## Wrangell Chamber of Commerce

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, Inc. shall be:

To advance all of the business, professional, civic and cultural interests of the City of Wrangell as well as regional, state and national interests under the democratic system of free competitive enterprise:

To encourage the growth of existing business activities while giving all proper assistance to any new firms or individuals seeking residence in Wrangell and its environs;

To support activities believed to be beneficial to the community and its citizens and to oppose those which might be detrimental;

To speak for the Chamber's members in city, state and national legislative and governmental matters, while avoiding partisan politics;

To encourage development of surrounding industrial properties;

To cultivate alliance and business relationships with neighboring communities;

and in general to promote the welfare of all Wrangell area citizens, following always those policies intended to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number.

In order to best achieve these goals, the following by-laws have been adopted to govern the procedures and activities of the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and of its membership.

Vanity and pride are different things, though the words are often used synonymously.... Pride relates more to our opinion of ourselves, vanity to what we would have others think of us.

**Jane Austen**, *Pride and Prejudice*, 1811  
English novelist (1775 - 1817)

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[www.wrangellchamber.org](http://www.wrangellchamber.org)