

Newsletter Title

Holiday Festivities just around the corner

Wrangell's Annual Festival of Lights took place December 11th on a cold but clear day. Wrangell Chamber of Commerce vice President John Taylor was joined by mayor Don McConachie and his Christmas poem. While folks were waiting for the town tree to be lit they gathered around the burn barrel located in front of the elks club visiting with friends and family and listening to live music provided by Tasha Morse and the WHS band.

Following the tree lighting Santa arrived in the Wrangell Police Car to greet all the excited children who would pose with for Christmas pictures in Wells Fargo and tell Santa what they had been wanting for Christmas. Local Stores had extended hours and stores sales for everyone holiday Shopping. Shoppers could find an assortment of homemade crafts and goods at the bazaar upstairs at the elks Club.

The Chamber Office was open for hot cocoa, pop corn, and shopping. Mabel's candy, bread and jarred goods, Candle Lite, and other goods were sold in the chamber during this event

and will also be selling during Jolly Shopping Weekend.

Everyone should visit Christmas Tree Lane at Nolan Center, it is filled with wonderfully creative decorated trees that are up for auction. Benefits from this auction goes to the Wrangell Hospice. Individuals, groups and organizations are welcomed to enter a Christmas tree. If you would like more information on this event contact Jacque Dozier.

Jolly Shopping Weekend is a spin off of Harvest Fest. There was such a positive reaction to Harvest Fest in October that it was thought that this would create an opportunity for late shopper to finish up last minute chores and give folks another chance to win the \$ 500.00 drawing put on my the Chamber office.

Come visit us at the Chamber office and enjoy some free hot cocoa and popcorn while you shop and turn in your jolly shopping card. The chamber office will also have several items to buy including Barb Rugo Glass Work, Mabel's baked goods and chocolates, local art work, jewelry and

more.

Thank you to all our sponsors :
Get your card Stamped at the following locations Angermans, Angermans Outlet, Bobs' IGA, Bunes Bros., City Market, GCI, Johnson Construction & Building Supplies, Marine Artists Brenda Schwartz, Nolan Center Gift Shop, Norris's Gift Shop, S. E. Auto Parts, Stikine Drug, and the Totem Bar.

Wrangell Chamber Christmas Light Contest

Show your Holiday spirit with festive Christmas lights and decorations!

Light judging will take place on the Sunday before Christmas! Prizes will be given to the First, Second, and Third Place Overall.

For more information or if you would like your house to be considered for the contest contact the Chamber office at 874-3901.



A big thank you to all those who made the Wrangell's Festival of Lights and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony possible!

The City of Wrangell and Public Works, Santa Clause, The Wrangell Police Department, Wrangell Chamber and Board Members, Tasha Morris and the WHS Band, Don McConachie, Elks Lodge, Wells Fargo, and Ottesen's.



Starting a new Membership year..

The Wrangell Chamber of Commerce will be starting its 2010 membership soon and would like to thank its board members and its membership for all the support they have given over the years! 2010 applications will be in the mail in the end of December or you can find the 2010 Membership application on the Chamber website, www.wrangellchamber.org, under Chamber information. This year you will notice there will be some changes in the membership fees, we are making changes to keep up with the changing economy. The

chamber board and staff are looking forward to another year of being part of our community of Wrangell. We have been working on ways to benefit the community and local businesses by supporting new events such as fisher fest, promoting Wrangell and its annual events in publishing's such as Fish Alaska and more. The Chamber offers benefits such as laminating, copying, creating goody bags for events, rental space for gatherings, advertising through the website and weekly reminders to the public and our members for affordable rates. If you

have a any questions or suggestions to how we could better serve you please contact the Chamber office at 907-874-3901.

Wrangell Chambers Newest Members; Helping Wrangell look and feels its best!

The Wrangell Chamber would like to welcome its newest members Serene Massage, The Parlor, Kirsten Lewis Hair Stylist, and Grandma's Barber Shop.

Serene massage is owned and operated by Lindsay Sweat. Lindsay has 3 Years of certified Massage Therapy and she offers deep tissue massage, reflexology, prenatal massage, Jin Shin do, acupuncture, sports injury and prevention, personal injury, ear candling, and has Gift Certificates available for all services. Hours of operation vary and you can call for appointments. She will be closed Sunday. Serene Massage will be featuring artwork by Local Artists, if you are interested in featuring a piece in the shop contact Lindsay at 907-874-3461 or 661-565-5258. The Grand opening was held during Festival of Lights, offering holidays snacks, local shopping and chair massages.

You can visit Serene Massage at the following 106 Lynch St. Suite C1, Wrangell, AK 99929

Grandma's Barber Shop is run by Clara Haley, she has been cutting hair in Wrangell since 1983. Grandma's Barber shop got its name when Clara became a grandmother for the first time and now the name has stuck with her. She has filled her shop with antiques and her own native art work for costumers to admire. She offers classic cuts and Paul Mitchell products. To sign up for an appointment at Grandma's Barbershop you can sign up on the board on the door or call 874-2140, she also accepts walk ins.

Kirsten Lewis, Hair Dresser is located in Heathers Closet. She offers men's, women's, and children's hair-cuts, hair coloring, and prod-

ucts.

Kirsten also offers wonderful floral arrangements and centerpiece for the Holidays. Kirsten can be reach at 907-874-2828.

The Salon is a place to relax and chat while you are receiving an manicure or a touch up to your hair. Deanna Hallman, salon owner tries to offer the a friendly salon experience. The Parlor offers hair cuts, styling, coloring, perms, pedicures, manicures, saloon products and jewelry. There is also a visiting masseuse from Petersburg and a facials technician. Gift Certificates are available ! The Parlor is located in the Stikine Inn and can be contacted at 907-874-3696.

Treat yourself or someone else and visit one of these Wrangell Businesses !

Practice random beauty and senseless acts of love.

[Anonymous](#)

Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

[Franz Kafka](#)

*Austrian
(Czechoslovakian-born)
author (1883 - 1924)*

Money Saving Tips for small businesses

1. The best and least expensive form of advertisement is word-of-mouth. Encourage your clients to make referrals and include testimonials on your website.

2. Before contracting with anyone, request three bids. Often times, a vendor will match a competitors price to complete the sale providing you with additional savings.

3. Review your insurance coverage. Whether it's your medical insurance or liability insurance, discuss the policy with your agent to see if there are any ways you can save. Perhaps there are discounts for trade associations or an umbrella plan may be more cost effective.

4. Mailings are expenses so don't waste them. Clean up your mailing list by removing changed addresses, inactive customers, and undeliverable mail. Every letter that doesn't get sent back or thrown away is money you have saved.

5. The best and least expensive form of advertisement is word-of-mouth. Encourage your clients to make referrals and include testimonials on your website.

6. Use the internet whenever possible. From sales calls to business conferences, there are a variety of internet-based technologies, such as Microsoft Office Live Meeting, that can provide you with low cost ways to negotiate with clients. Additionally, there

are free web conferencing tools such as Zoho Meeting, which can lead to tremendous productivity.

7. Laptop computers can sometimes be used instead of standard desktop computers and consume approximately 90 percent less energy. Whenever possible, have your employees use laptops.

8. **Go green!** Energy-efficient technology will save you money over the life span of your computers, [phone systems](#) and other tech tools. There are often tax benefits to green technology, too. Not to mention it'll help out the environment.



[When you understand that what you're telling is just a story. It isn't happening anymore. When you realize the story you're telling is just words, when you can just crumble it up and throw your past in the trashcan, then we'll figure out who you're going to be.](#)

[Chuck Palahniuk \(1962](#)

Wrangell Arts Council

The Wrangell Arts Council has been working towards more involvement in the community of Wrangell. In the last couple of months they have held a Halloween Bake Sale that took place during early trick or treating, sponsoring a recycled pumpkin contest, and entering a tree into the Hospice's Annual Christmas Tree Lane. The board is

made of individuals of all ages and would like to involve anyone that wants to be involved. Haley Waddington, President and Vice President Haley Gleason are welcoming all ideas to get involved in. We are looking forward to our WAC is looking forward to their first **open house** in February. It will be an opportunity for the Wrangell Arts

Council board members to mingle while guests enjoy live entertainment, art auction, a wine and cheese bar, the opportunity to learn more about the WAC. Show your support for your Arts Community and become involved with the Wrangell Arts Council. For more information you can contact Haley Waddington at 907-305-0830.

Wrangell Carving Shed Update

The Wrangell Carving S.H.E.D./Shakes Island Tribal House is happy to announce a Rasmuson Grant approval in the amount of \$16,200.00. With these monies we were able to request the presence of two engineers and an architect from MRV, as well as a Master Carver, Steve Brown to view the water damage to our Tribal House, review the plans

to construct the 90'X 45' carving facility and advise us as to how to proceed.

We were also able to add our name to the "pick, click, and give" on the Permanent Dividend under the name of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Association for the upcoming year.

Also, know that everyone is

always welcome to our future fundraisers.

Happy Holidays, Wrangell!

Word of the Day:

rollick
(intransitive verb)
[ROL-ik]

1. to have fun, especially in a boisterous, rowdy way; romp: "Our pup would rollick for hours among the driftwood and sea gulls at the beach."

noun form: rollick
adjective form: rollicksome, rollicky

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to a brighter future !*



The Wrangell
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has changed to
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gmail.com](mailto:wrangellchamber@gmail.com)

Wrangell Night Before Christmas by Glenna Ellis

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through South-east
Not a creature was stirring, not
even one beast
The gun sheaths were hung by
the chimney with care,
In hopes that a moose soon
would be there;
The hunters were nestled all
snug in their beds,
While visions of antler racks
danced in their heads;
And their wives in their polar
fleece socks, and they in their
hats,
Had just settled down for a long
winter's nap,
When out on the beach there
arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my lazy boy to see
what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like
a goat,
Tore open the window and
threw down my remote.
The moon on the hood of my
beat up old truck,
Reflected the shiny coat on my
new hunting pup.
When, what to my wondering
eyes should appear,
But a skiff, and eight not so
legal tiny deer,
With a little old driver, so lively
and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be
St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his
coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted,
and called them by name;
"Now, Stikine! now, River! now,
Garnet and Pat's Lake!
On, Anan! on, Petroglyph! and
come on Bob, we are going to
be late!
To the top of the dock! to the
top of the piling!
Now skiff away! skiff away! skiff
away all!"
As strong winds before the after-
noon jet will try to fly,
When they meet with a float
plane, mount to the sky,
So up to the beach the coursers
they flew,
With the skiff full of perfectly
legal bulls, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I
heard on the beach
The prancing and pawing of
what sounded like little dall
sheep.
As I drew in my 45, and was
turning around,
Up from the beach St. Nicholas
came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from
his head to his boot,
And he looked pretty good for
an old coot;
A bundle of hides he had flung
on his back,
And he looked like a trapper
just opening his trap.
His eyes ~ how they twinkled!
his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like huckleber-
ries, his nose like a salmon
berry!
His droll little mouth was
drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was
as white as the snow;
The flashlight he held tight in
his teeth,
And the gleam from his mag
light circled his head like a
wreath;
He had a broad face and a little
round belly,
That shook, when he laughed
like a bowlful of cranberry jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a
little on the heavy side he
thought to himself,
And I laughed when I saw him,
in spite of myself;
The twist of the cap of his non-
alcoholic beer,
Soon gave me to know I had
nothing to fear;
He spoke not a word, but went
straight to his work,
And filled all the boots; then
turned with a jerk,
And taking a deep breath to
prepare his jump because he
could,
And giving a nod, jumped on
his skiff loaded with cords of
wood;
He sprang to his skiff, to his
team gave a shout,
And away they all flew like the
swooshing of a trout.
But I heard him exclaim, as he
swished out of sight,
*"Happy Christmas friends of Wran-
gell, and to all a good-night."*