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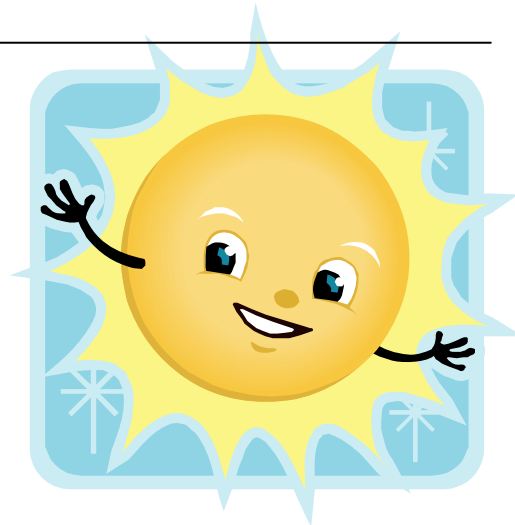
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### 1. Website factoids for the month of JULY!

July's web hits through July 28th were 358,908. July's total visits were 13,657. Behind the USA, Germany and the Russian Federation were the countries with the most pages viewed. Wednesday was the most active day, and 11PM until midnight was the most active time of day.



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### 2. Chamber POWER: Thanks to the following sponsors of this month's Newsletter.

**Log Cabin Sporting Goods**—Craig / Tim and Melissa Lacour, owners / [logcabinsports@aptalaska.net](mailto:logcabinsports@aptalaska.net) / 907-826-2205 / The Island's only outdoor specialty store, featuring camping, hunting, and fishing supplies. The finest in outdoor apparel. Special orders welcome

**My Desire Flower Shop**—Craig/826-5445/Jacqueline Vaughan, owner/ [Diorgrace2@hotmail.com](mailto:Diorgrace2@hotmail.com)/ Flower Bouquets & Arrangements for all occasions. Chocolates, Yarn, Furniture & Housewares, from Italy & France. Italian, Filipino & American Coffees, Bags, Purses, Sachets, Placemats, Tablecloths & Computer Bags from Italy & France. Your One-Stop Shop for Luxury!

**Black Bear Store**—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Sandra and Elvin Scott, Owners/ [otis@aptalaska.net](mailto:otis@aptalaska.net) / Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

**Indian Time Taxi and Tours**—Klawock / 401-0700/ Local Taxi, sightseeing tours, ferry shuttle. Serving all of POW Island. Buy 10 rides, 11<sup>th</sup> one free. Reservations on ferry shuttle and tours recommended.

**JS Warehouse and Builder's Supply**--Craig / 907-826-3632 / fax 907-826-2988 Featuring True Value hardware and paint product line with lumber and building products along with general storage, mini-storage and RV court and parking. Also a maintenance shop with steel and iron supply.

**Coffman Cove Charters**—907-329-2044 / [www.coffmancovecharters.com](http://www.coffmancovecharters.com) / Fish halibut, salmon and bottom fish with Captain Lee Harper. Walk-ons are welcome, but reservations are encouraged. Call now to guarantee your place in the boat!

**First Bank** – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / [www.firstbankak.com](http://www.firstbankak.com) / Lynnette Logan, manager. A full service community bank offering checking, savings and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction, and home loans; and online banking services. ATMs located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.

**Tongass Business Center** – Ketchikan / 618 Dock St. / Ketchikan, AK 99901 / 1-800-478-9015 / 907-225-9015 / Fax 907-225-9014 / Catalog now on-line at [www.tbcenter.com](http://www.tbcenter.com). Office Equipment & Supply, Sharp Copiers & Faxes, Printing & Binding, Newsletters, Office Furniture.

**Islandwolf Furs** P.O. Box 418. Craig, AK. 99921/ [Dugout@aptalaska.net](mailto:Dugout@aptalaska.net)/ (907) 826-2172 Fax same # / I seal and prepare Bear hides for shipping. I also do Taxidermy work on Deer, Bear & Wolf mounts.

**Thomas B**—Craig/ 907-826-5420 / [wargi@aptalaska.net](mailto:wargi@aptalaska.net) / [carvedfromatree.com](http://carvedfromatree.com) / Original wood sculptures of sea life. Carved from Alaska yellow cedar, red cedar and hemlock. Custom orders are welcome. We ship anywhere.

**Diversified Investments & Insurance** – Ketchikan/ 907-225-9805 / Angela C Salazar, CFP & Associates / Health & Life Insurance and Financial Advisory Services – Securities sold through KMS Financial Services, Inc. We have been serving Alaskan's needs since 1980.

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### 3. From the President's Desk:

*It is a great relief to put the 2008 Fair and Logging Show into the history books. A heap of thanks and praise to those who have been involved with the planning and doing since the end of last year's show. A wrap-up meeting will officially put this event to bed with notes for any future endeavors that may happen. Some key personnel are retiring from the extensive planning for this event and fresh blood will be needed to keep it going. So many thanks are due to Jim and Jeannie McFarland and John Bruns. They, along with me, are going to spend more of our summer moments concentrating on our businesses and the commitments that have taken a back seat during the past several years of Fair and Logging Shows. The committee will meet for a wrap-up discussion. The Board of Directors will meet at a later time to discuss the Chamber's future role in this event.*

*Jim Seley did another fantastic job as emcee of the Logging Competition, juggling commentary with keeping track of times, distances and which way the chain saw was flying. Good dodge there, Jim! You delivered the right amount of humor, along with some very poignant moments of tribute to our fallen friends, Chris Gould and Don Krause.*

Denise and Carolyn were invaluable over the weekend events, assisting in every which way. Carolyn was a master salesperson all throughout the Log Show as the traveling peddler for both the Log Scale and Airline raffle tickets. Great job, Denise and Carolyn!

Bobbie Permenter, one of the Chamber founders and Past President, came and held down the Chamber booth on Sunday, freeing up Denise and myself for the rest of the tasks. I hear that Viking's Donna Oldfield stepped behind the table for awhile too!

With this annual event off the calendar, attention now moves to the annual Membership and Island Guide projects. The membership packets are almost ready to go out the door. Thanks to Sabrina Stevens for assembling the current business information page for each current member. When these arrive in your mailbox, please look over the papers carefully. The new opportunity for premium advertising in the Island Guide is detailed amongst the materials.

The new 2009 decal will be a totem pole to add to the Chamber Logo collage that was started in 2008 with the dated black bear decal. These will be mailed as the paid memberships and advertising come back to the office. During my trip to Oregon for a family reunion, I am going to look for a Thank You gift to follow the "Prince of Wales Tea" that was presented to all of our members for 2008.

In September we will be looking for new directors to replace the outgoing Directors whose terms are completed. Directors whose terms end in 2008 are Jan Bush, Carolyn Chapman, John Bruns, John Moots, Jim Seley and Budd Burnett. These director's names will be on the ballot if they choose to offer their time and talent for another two year term of office. I am hoping to move out of the President's Chair and assist a new leader as John Bruns has done for me during these past two years.

There is also one current vacancy on the board with a term ending in 2009. If anyone is interested in a one year term starting immediately, please call the office and make your interest known. We need you, whoever you are!! One just needs an interest in Prince of Wales and a willingness to meet once a month and help carry out the events and projects that the board undertakes. I invite anyone interested to ask for a copy of our Constitution and Bylaws so that you can have a sense of the responsibilities and commitment that go with a directorship.

#### 4. EXHIBIT HALL RESULTS

This year's FAIR was truly a people's fair, as all the judging was done by the people who came and viewed the exhibits. A huge thank you to Diane Stittgen and Henry Williamson for their coordination of the event, and to Pat Rochester and her talented cast of volunteers who set up the exhibits to their greatest advantage. A great crew of hosts and hostesses greeted the visitors turned judges as they walked in the door!

#### 2008 JUDGING RESULTS – Fair Exhibit Hall

#### People voted for "PEOPLE'S CHOICE"

#### Adult Division

CHAMPION (Best of Show)—Joanne Pearson E-3 (6) Watercolor Manatees

#### Youth Division (less than 16 years old)

CHAMPION (Best of Show)—Sarah Simmemeyer C-1 (48) Pastel, horse

#### Adult – Dept. Champions

Dept. A Baked Foods: Nadine Blankenship, sour cream pound cake  
Dept. B Preserved Foods: Ricky Miller, smoke dried sockeye, whole fish  
Dept. C Sewing: Nancy Elizabeth, quilted fawn  
Dept. D Fiber Handiwork: Jenni Redding, crocheted green baby dress  
Dept. E Art: Joanne Pearson, watercolor, pelican,  
Dept. F Hobbies/Crafts: Jeannie McFarland, pine needle raffia coiled basket  
Dept. G Photos: Henry Williamson, photo, mallard duck  
Dept. H Horticulture: Jim Wilson, potted plants, petunias, lobelia,  
Dept. I Writing: Nicholas Blankenship, Poem, Spirit of a Broken Child  
Dept. J Native-Style: Kim Swainson, cedar basketry

#### Youth – Dept. Champions

Dept. A Foods: Jessica Petty, lemon zucchini bread/low fat  
Dept. B Sewing: No entries  
Dept. C Arts & Crafts: Loubeth Vaughn, lumberjack doll  
Dept. D Native-Style Art: No entries  
Dept. E Family/Group Projects: Loubeth Vaughn, Ship model  
with Sarah Simmemeyer

## 5. LOGGING SHOW RESULTS

### 2008 BULL OF THE WOODS: A MATTER OF SECONDS AND INCHES

The Prince of Wales Island Logging Show was held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in Thorne Bay under mostly cloudy skies. It was mostly cloudy, not drizzly or raining hard like it was on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> when the fairgrounds turned into a swamp.

The competition for the *2008 Bull of the Woods* was filled with drama that would rival the Olympics, coming up in a few weeks. Seven serious contenders competed for the Bull of the Woods, entering into enough of the available 11 events to be eligible for the all around award. When the halfway point was reached, it was clear that the competition was going to narrow itself to Cody Hillis, the reigning Champion, and Chris Nelson, a past winner of the All Around award. On the scoring sheet, the lead changed numerous times. Cody and Chris were tied going into the last event of the day, the Skiff Bailing competition. The difference in their times was .69 of a second. Thus it happened that Cody Hillis won his seventh title as the Bull of the Woods and took home an engraved axe to add to his collection.

The results follow, showing the importance of seconds and inches in the various competitions. The first three places are awarded points for the all around competition, with an extra “safety point” for the first place winner when the competitor wears a hard hat. Many hard hats this year among the All Around competitors! The points won by Chris and Cody are noted in parentheses after their time and distance results. Cody netted 19 to Chris’s 18. The only thing that would have added to the drama was a tie, which would have sent the two of them up against just each other in an axe throw tiebreaker. It was just a matter of a little time and distance. Congratulations to both these young men for their outstanding effort and unrelenting pursuit of the 2008 Bull of the Woods Distinction.

<p><u>Power Saw Bucking</u> 1—Chris Nelson, 18.06 sec. (4 pts) 2—Cody Hillis, 20.46 sec. (2 pts.) 3—Richard Trojan, 26.91 sec.</p>	<p><u>Women’s Chainsaw Toss</u> 1—Juliet James-Galos, 41’9” 2—Rainbow Straight, 32’9” 3—Jennifer Coats, 30’6”</p>	<p><u>Men’s Axe Throwing</u> 1—Bill Blakely, 14 pts. 2—Don Hillis, 13 pts. 3—Joey Fama, 12 pts. Tie breaker 4—Chris Nelson, 12 pts, lost tie breaker</p>
<p><u>Hook Tender’s Race</u> 1—Chris Nelson, 52.7 sec. (4pts) 2—Ben Bazinet, 54 sec. 3—Mike Coats, 57.03 sec.</p>	<p><u>Women’s Team Hand Bucking</u> 1—Jaimee Watson/Jennifer Coats, 55.59 sec. 2—Kristen Seley/Chereice Flocks, 1:03.65 3—Britta Christensen/KK Prussian, 1:24.92</p>	<p><u>Men’s Chainsaw Toss</u> 1—Lee Harper, 61’6” 2—Chris Nelson, 51’9” (2 pts.) 3—Cody Hillis, 51’ (1 pt)</p>
<p><u>Chaser’s Race</u> 1—Chris Nelson, 22.40 sec. (4pts) 2—Mike Coats, 22.9 sec. 3—Nick Fama, 24.25 sec.</p>	<p><u>Jack &amp; Jill Hand Bucking</u> 1—Mike Coats/Jaimee Watson, 35.53 sec. 2—Jan Bush/Cody Hillis, 37.95 sec. (2 pts) 3—Jennifer Coats/Ben Bazinet, 39.06 sec.</p>	<p><u>Men’s Skiff Bailing</u> 1—Nick Fama, 23.16 sec. 2—Cody Hillis, 23.81 sec. (2 pts) 3—Chris Nelson, 24.50 sec. (1 pt)</p>
<p><u>Choker Setting</u> 1—Cody Hillis, 21.04 sec. (4 pts) 2—Chris Nelson, 22.33 sec. (2 pts) 3—Mike Coats, 23.3 sec.</p>	<p><u>Jack &amp; Jill Wheelbarrow</u> 1—Ari Waldstein/Nick Chambers, 17.9 sec. 2—Julie Isom/Cody Hillis, 18.3 sec tiebreaker (2 pts) 3—Aaron and KK Prussian, 18.6 sec. tiebreaker</p>	<p><u>Rolling Pin Toss</u> 1—Rainbow Straight, 3” 2—Ann Harper, 6.6” 3—Jan Bush, 8.5”</p>
<p><u>Firewood Stacking</u> 1—Joey Fama, 2:18.75 2—Cody Hillis, 2:44.55 (2 pts) 3—Richard Trojan, 2:45.2</p>	<p><u>Men’s Team Hand Bucking</u> 1—Don Hillis/Cody Hillis, 24.07 sec. (4 pts) 2—Justin Seley/Mike Johnson, 31.08 sec. 3—Bob Looney/Chris Nelson, 32.21 sec. (1 pt)</p>	<p><u>Women’s Axe Throwing</u> 1—Juliet James-Galos 9pts, tie breaker 2—Jennifer Coats, 9 pts 3—Rainbow Straight, 8 pts.</p>

## 6. Fair and Logging Show celebrates Alaska's 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Statehood

The 2008 Fair and Logging Show Buttons featured Louie on a log waving the Alaska Flag in celebration of Year #50. Alaska Posters, and 50<sup>th</sup> year pens and pencils were passed out to all those who visited the booths inside the gym. Alaska Flag and state pins and a Forget-me-Not pin were given to all the fair exhibitors. Booth vendors were given a packet of materials on the Alaska 50 year celebration. Happy Birthday, Alaska! Stop by the office for more pencils and pens to pass out at your businesses.

## 7. Alaska Air/Pacific Air Raffle Tickets

Two round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines and Pacific Airways were raffled off on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the close of this year's Logging Show. The tickets were won by Jim Bauers of Craig. He happened to stop by Viking Lumber on his way home and Donna Oldfield talked him out of the last \$2 in his pockets. And now Jim's \$2 is going to get him from POW to Anchorage sometime in the near future!

The proceeds from the raffle will go toward replacing some of our very worn booth frames, braces and bases.

## 8. THANK YOU to our Volunteers

*There were so many people who came forward to help out during the Fair and Logging Show weekend. The worn-out Fair and Logging Show committee members are extremely grateful for all the time, talent and fuel that was expended to help out in so many ways to present the annual island-wide event. Volunteers from the Thorne Bay Friends of the Library manned the entry ports and earned 10 percent of the gate receipts for the Library. Craig's Victoria Merritt brought a jolly crew with her for the Saturday portion of the Carnival Court. Some returned for more fun on Sunday. The EMTs and Firemen from Thorne Bay were there all weekend, pitching in all over the place. Their new Medical Tent is awesome. Thorne Bay principal Sheila Nyquest and many of the school staff assisted throughout the weekend and beyond.*

*Director Kim Swainson put her parents to work with her and assembled the designer numbers for the Logging Show competitors. Those shop towels are great in any weather and oh so Alaskan!*

*Jim Wilson and his army of volunteers plus the City of Thorne Bay got the power to the field. What a Power Boost that was, especially with all the food booths!!*

*Log Show judges and timers, experienced from year's past, just showed up and did a great job again.*

*The Veteran's Color Guard was a tremendous beginning to the Show. Thank you to Aaron Isaacs for coordinating and to all the veterans for your service to God and Country.*

*Rachel Gearhart didn't have a long list of willing performers for the talent show but she made the most of it on Saturday night and kept the scores all afternoon on Sunday for the Logging events. No important seconds or inches were lost on her long shift!*

*The list of volunteers that it takes to put this weekend together goes on and on. Every venue has its contributors of precious time and talent, and our thanks go to all of you. The committee acknowledges every single one of you who made the 2008 Fair and Logging Show possible.*

## 9. Membership and Island Guide Campaign launches its 2009 effort in August

Current members will receive their membership and Guide advertising contracts in the mail during the next couple weeks. Please help us meet our deadlines by returning the paperwork as soon as you can.

The premium advertising opportunities in the 2009 Island Guide are presented on a separate Contract form in the packet. The deadline for consideration for placement of these ads on the back cover, and the front and back inside covers of the next issue is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. AUGUST 2008 BOARD MEETING



The August Board meeting will take place Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber office, at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

## 11. ISLAND GUIDE INVENTORY and APPEAL FOR PICTURES

We started with 200 boxes of the 2008 Island Guides and there are less than 50 left in the office. But still there are Southeast locations without them. Please help get these guides distributed to all points possible. We would like to see less than 20 of them in the inventory as we go into our new year in September.

Also, please be ready with your camera to capture POW splendor on these great sunny days. Get some visitors into the frame and use as big a file as your camera's capability. More pixels means better quality, and that is especially important for the illusive cover shot that we will be looking for in 2009. You can't submit too many pictures!!

## 12. BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

I stopped by Raven Hair Design today, next to the Chamber office. Kirbie will be joining the staff there starting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. She will work Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

You can find member Gordon Douglass at work on the front of the Bell Tower Mall, correcting some building leakage problems. Every day there is another maze to maneuver in and around as Gordon moves barricades to keep all traffic safe underneath the scaffolding.

Over in Thorne Bay, Petro Alaska (different than Petro Marine) has shut down the gas pumps, and no word yet on whether this source of fuel will be available again. Fuel is still available at two places, The Port and Bayview Fuel and Tire.

## 13. BOARD VACANCY: DIRECTOR STILL BEING SOUGHT

The Board of Directors is seeking a new board member. The board would like to appoint a person from one of the communities of Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove or Naukati. Right now, three members live in Klawock, four live in Craig, and one lives in Hollis.

Please call the office if you are interested in being considered or email a letter of interest. The term of service will end in November 2009.

The next annual election will be held in November 2008, so please also consider placing your name on the ballot for a full two year term.

## 14. ISLAND GRIND ON AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>: HOT AUGUST NIGHT

Saturday, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> is the day, 7PM is the time, and the Craig High School auditorium is the place. Celebrate **A HOT AUGUST NIGHT** during this first weekend of August, featuring

American Rock-n-Roll of the 50s, 60s, and Motown! Entertainers include Ralph Mackie and Katie Turner, Paul Crawford, Evelyn Willburn, The River People, and the Open Mic!

Buy tickets at **Wheelhouse Coffee Roasters, formerly Voyageur Bookstore**, in Craig or reserve tickets by calling 755-8899. Admission cost is Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children ages 6 & under \$1, and Seniors \$3 (ages 60+). Bring a homemade dessert for the Dessert Contest and your ticket will be refunded.

Volunteers to support the show are welcome. Entertainers interested in performing should call John Bruns or Sally Burch at 755-8899 for more information.

## **15. Board of Directors, wishing all some sunny weather to make us all think that it's still summer!**

**President-** Jan Bush, *B-3 Contractors* [belle@aptalaska.net](mailto:belle@aptalaska.net)

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If you have an event to add to the website calendar, Call, email or fax Denise in the office today....