



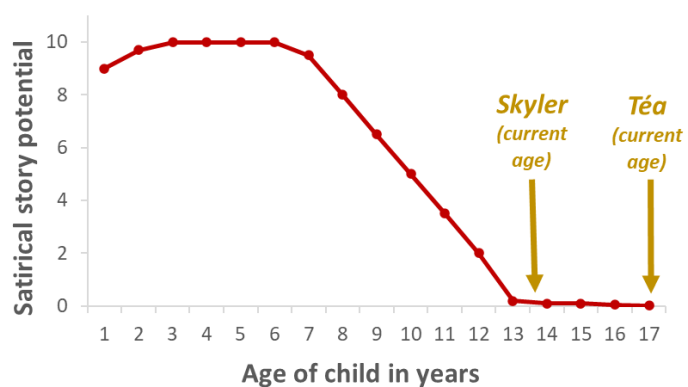
WHERE ALL THE WOMEN ARE STRONG (NOT REALLY)
ALL THE MEN ARE GOOD-LOOKING (SORT OF)
AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN'S CHEEKS WERE ONCE ABOVE AVERAGE.



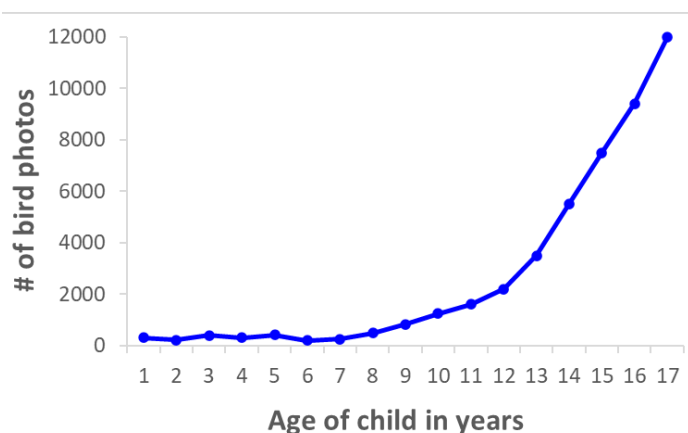
Newsletter folds after a solid 16-year run

Janet Neilson, founder/editor of “News from Xtratuf Estates” announced today that the annual newsletter will cease publication as of December 31, 2024. “We are grateful to have had such a loyal fan base over the years, but our story supply chain issues have become so dire that we have no choice but to end operations. The 2024 issue will be our last edition.”

Neilson, who moonlights as a scientist, says that as the population of Xtratuf Estates increased in age, the supply of comical photos that are the bread & butter of the newsletter’s satirical stories dropped precipitously.



The newsletter’s problems were compounded by a radical shift in the ratio of child to bird photos being taken by staff photographer, Sean Neilson. Whereas his camera rolls were once full of round-faced adorable children engaged in comical antics, they are now dominated by birds. So. Many. Birds.



“The data are quite clear; this newsletter has run its course,” Janet lamented. “We want to thank our children for tolerating our mockery of them for as long as they did.”

Ad-free back issues of the newsletter are available at <https://www.seanneilson.com/personal>

Twitter (X) alternative “Bluesky” unreliable in Southeast Alaska

Over the past few months, many long-time users of “X” (formerly known as Twitter) have been ditching Elon Musk’s popular, yet increasingly divisive, platform, switching instead to the booming alternative site “Bluesky”. However, users in Southeast Alaska report that Bluesky is completely unreliable in their area, especially in the fall and winter months. That’s led long-time resident and tech entrepreneur Sean Neilson to develop an alternative platform better suited to Southeast Alaska’s temperate rainforest climate called “Graysky”.



Sean Neilson and assistant Sklyer Neilson conduct field tests of “Graysky”, which they report works flawlessly in 100% cloud cover and driving rain.

Neilson says the platform will be free for Southeast Alaska residents but users elsewhere will pay on a sliding scale, based on average rainfall in their area.

Skyler Neilson selected for cover of “Marmot Monthly” magazine



A lucky shot by photographer Sean Neilson has landed 13-year-old Skyler Neilson on the cover of one of the most sought-after magazines in the U.S., “Marmot Monthly”. Sean’s wife, Janet, says she was initially skeptical of the shot — certain that Sean had Photoshopped it — until she learned it was real. The editors of Marmot Monthly were equally impressed, choosing the photo out of thousands of submissions for the coveted cover shot.

**Happy Holidays
&
Happy New Year!**
with love from
Janet, Sean, Téa, and Skyler

Whale biologist considers alternative careers

After nearly 30 years working as whale biologist at Glacier Bay National Park, Janet Neilson says she is considering alternative careers. “Being a whale biologist isn’t all it’s cracked up to be. Thank goodness for DOGE to remind me and other federal employees that there are other jobs I might want to consider starting in 2025. It’s so logical, I kick myself for not thinking of expanding my horizons sooner to other career paths! Thanks, Elon and Vivek!!”



Janet says that her skills operating small boats could be applied to a range of other equipment like driving this fork lift.





Lamplugh Glacier, June 2024



Téa kayaking in Idaho, October 2024





Téa backpacking in Chile, November 2024.



Sean at South Georgia Island, March 2024



Sean guiding in Egypt, November 2024



Sean at the Antarctic Peninsula, February 2024



Skylar's 1st place finish in archery at the Native Youth Olympics

