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## 2 Cents Worth

*Tuesday, June 21st, was Summer Solistice and the official first day of summer. But for some Seldovians, summer isn't defined by a date on the calendar. The Seldovia Gazette asked:*

*What is your "sure sign" that summer has truly begun?*



"When my baby birds leave the birdhouse."

Susan Carlough



"When the temperature gets over sixty degrees. "

Jimmie Payton



"When the sockeyes show up."

Bill Roley



"When I can sleep out on the screened-in porch."

Tom Woodward

## Letters to the Editor

*The Seldovia Gazette values freedom of speech. We welcome original, insightful letters from our readers on issues that are of concern to them. However, due to space considerations, please limit letters to 300 words.*

*We also reserve the right to edit all letters for clarity, grammar, and taste. Letters must be signed and*

*submitted by Tuesday at 5 pm in order to be printed in that week's press. We accept letters submitted by one of three ways: by email at [damara@seldovia.com](mailto:damara@seldovia.com), by fax at 907-234-7526, or by mail at Seldovia Gazette, P.O. Box 97, Seldovia, Alaska 99663.*

## Greetings from the Editor!



I've worn a number of "hats" in my few short years living in Seldovia, and I'm honored to wear this latest one: Editor of the Seldovia Gazette.

When Tom and Mary Glover approached me to write for the Seldovia Gazette, I was awed at the prospect of being able to stay in Seldovia and write for a living. I'm an English teacher by trade, and these days it seems teachers must go where districts place them. I count it a true blessing to be able to live and work in Seldovia.

I also see this paper as a great opportunity. Not just for me, but for Seldovia as a whole. Small-town papers are an important albeit quickly disappearing facet of American life. They foster community conversations. They give people the scoop, and let them make their own decisions. I look forward to the day I see two people talking over a cup of coffee, the Seldovia Gazette in their hands.

As Editor, I feel my role is to sift out the rumor and the spin that floats around all towns, and concentrate on what is true and significant about a story. Please, if you see a story that isn't being covered, tell me about it. My goal is to inform all citizens - elders, businessmen, fisher folk, homemakers, blue collar workers, students, artists, and the unemployed - of the news that is important and relevant to them.

A few words about me: Most of you have probably seen me at the Tide Pool Cafe where, as of late, I've been slinging sandwiches during the noon-time rush. I'm also a volunteer with the Fire Department. Originally, I grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In 2001, I moved to Alaska with my long-time partner, Andy Lorentz, and together we've lived in Seldovia for two years. This winter Andy and I left Seldovia briefly to travel Korea; the year before that I taught English at Susan B. English School. Andy and I live "out the road" with our two dogs, in a timber-frame cabin that is near-completion. We both love living in Seldovia and plan to make it our home.

By the way, the Letters to the Editor section is a forum for you to comment on issues facing Seldovians. Write in. I will attempt to publish all letters in their entirety, so long as they are not libelous or long-winded.

Thank you for your support in making the Seldovia Gazette a permanent and viable part of our town.

***Damara Burnett***