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Demolition of the old Cannery Dock continued this week

Top Stories

SBE School's Pilot ETT Class

by Mary Glover

This year the Susan B. English School is offering an elective class as a one-half high school credit hour, namely, the Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT) Class. In addition, the Kenai Borough School District is considering the possibility of the students being able to earn three college credit hours for this class.



This is the first time an ETT Class has been offered to high school students; thus, this pilot program will be evaluated at the culmination of the class for its merit, effectiveness and student achievement. EMT I Head Instructor, Lisa O'Leary, and ETT Instructor Alex Chartier are teaching 11 high school students ranging from Freshmen to Seniors. Lisa O'Leary is also Seldovia's EMT Chief.

The ETT Class is sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT) together with the Seldovia Fire & EMS Department and working with the SBE School and the Kenai Borough School District. A special thanks to the SVT for their involvement with sponsorship of ETT Instructor Alex Chartier and the program itself. The Alaska ETT Class is a nationally recognized trauma first response instruction for the management of trauma and medical patients

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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
Harbor Master



until further medical assistance arrives. Even though the State of Alaska requires 40 class hours for this course, this high school class will cover approximately 90 hours of class time upon completion. The students are required to pass all the skill sheets three times with a perfect score and a written test at the completion of the course before obtaining a state certification as a certified ETT. The students must be 14 years of age or older in order to take the course. This is a very practical living class that will give the students skills and useful information as a first responder, useful skills to carry into adulthood, and possibly an introduction into a career in the medical field.

School

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The pictures are a simulation of an accident and not to be interpreted as a real life situation. The students were required to pass several skill sheets with this exercise in first response. Among some of the skills required for this practical exercise were: assessment of scene and patient; proper administration of oxygen; management of patient care (including vital signs, bleed control and shock management); proper positioning and transport of trauma victim on a back board. This was also a timed exercise and the students completed their first practical exercise within a reasonable time frame.

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First you set the stage . . .



The trainees arrive . . .

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▶ [Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 \(pdf\)](#)

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▶ [Harbor Survey Priority Results \(pdf\)](#)



Secure head, record vital signs . .



Apply a neck brace . . .



Position the backboard . . .



Strap the patient in . . .

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Oxygen and more vitals . . .

Secure head to backboard . . .



And yes, the patient is fine . . .

Debriefing . . .

Hansel and Gretel

by Tamara Blodgett

A twist on tradition . . .

The Hansel & Gretel play put on by the 4th through 8th graders of Susan B. English School was tremendous fun! With an interesting story and a surprise ending, who could not love it?

The play had both Hansel and Gretel, each brave and devoted to one another, were away from their parents in the lonely forest. Hansel (via song) professes his loyalty and protection to his sister. Gretel, in turn, defers decisions to her big brother.

Each character had a unique component that was great to watch. The bullfrog wore flippers instead of shoes; the bunny "hopped" across the stage; the deer sang; the wolf vamped appropriately; and, the fox had knew her lines (and then some!). Miss Laurel Hilts, SBE Drama/Music/and English Teacher, played the piano wonderfully with all the different childrens' voices-- no small feat!

In a wonderful turn of events, the witch, instead of "eating" Hansel & Gretel, rewarded the children for their obvious selflessness and love for each other. The witch chose to spare Gretel's life. Gretel was so grateful for this she kissed the witch, breaking a spell made by an evil fairy. The witch turned into a princess and asked Hansel to marry her! Thereby giving *this* Hansel & Gretel a very happy ending.

P&Z Special Meeting

by Paulie Carluccio

The Planning Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, November 7.

They voted in favor of recommending offering Lot 5A, Block 27 for sale to the public.

After discussion, it was decided a joint workshop with the City Council would be beneficial to discuss the following requests received by the Planning Commission from the City Manager:

- a. Consider changing the land use designation on some of the City's Public lots
- b. Do a study to review and address all land uses, zoning, building codes, set backs, etc. for the City
- c. If warranted, recommend a change in the present zoning to preserve a "business district" along Main Street.

The City Clerk is to arrange the date and time.

No action was taken on the request from Jerry and Suzie Stranek to purchase 15 feet from lot 1, block 13 or on the Parks and Recreation Committees proposal to turn lot 1, block 13 into a Park.

Under Committee business, the Commission voted to change the regularly scheduled monthly meeting to the first Monday of the month.

Lt. Governor Leman debuts webpage for military and veterans

(Anchorage) – Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman today debuts a webpage dedicated to military personnel, veterans and for people wanting to support them by volunteering or donating. The title of the webpage is [Military & Veterans Outreach](#).

"I want our veterans and men and women in uniform to know how much we appreciate their sacrifices and their dedication to defending our freedom," said Leman. "As a military father, I want to do whatever I can to provide more resources to and for our service personnel.

Lt. Governor Leman said the frequent e-mails and phone calls he receives from people wanting to know how they can help our military with care packages, letters, etc. is the impetus for the new webpage, which will be linked from his main State website. He also cited contact from military personnel and veterans looking for various helpful resources.

"There are many great websites out there, including those run by our Department of Military & Veterans Affairs," Leman said. "The tough part is keeping track of them all. This new webpage offers a listing of sites that is as comprehensive as you will find."

Leman invites suggestions for additional links as well as pictures and e-mails from soldiers, their families and supporters. E-mail suggestions to lt_governor@gov.state.ak.us

Military & Veterans Outreach webpage: <http://ltgov.state.ak.us/military/>

Need a CPR class for a work requirement?

Read on . . .

On Friday, November 18th from 9 am to 5pm, Bobbie Sweat will be instructing a course titled, " **Heart-Saver, First Aid and CPR.**" This course will meet in the EMS Training Room. Please phone Bobbie Sweat at 234.7812 for details/questions.

News Bits and Notices

HEA Member Appreciation Day

Wednesday, November 16, Multipurpose Room, noon to 2:00 pm, food and refreshments provided, door prizes, everone welcome!

Volleyball Scrimmage!

Against the Sea Otter Girls has begun.
The new time is every Wednesday at 5:30.
Gym shoes only please.

Volunteer Knitters

16 squares have been turned in and a total of 30 are needed for the afghan. *Please phone* if you are working on additional squares so she has a count. Ila plans to begin putting the afghan together this coming week of the 13th. Turn in squares to Shoreline Gifts or to Ila Dillon.

Massage?

Sarah LeQue will be visiting Seldovia this weekend (weather permitting.) Please phone Sarah for appointments on the 12th and 13th at 235.7854. A Pilates Class will also be held on Saturday the 12th at 3pm.

Antler Carving Workshop

With Jimmy Wiles will be held on two days:
Friday the 11th from 3-5 pm and Saturday the 12th from 10am – 4pm.
Held at the school shop; all materials provided.
Fee of \$50 required.

Flu Shots still available

Please phone Doc Reynolds at 234-7825

City Council Workshop summary report for November 1, 2005 postponed again

We do not have the notes and recordings in order to complete the report at this time. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Tidbits . . .

And yep, we are still a one horse town . . . who is that masked rider???



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> Repeat Story <<

Back from a small vacation. Good to be back. Every time I go outside for a while, I come back with a new appreciation for Seldovia and what we have here. We are truly lucky to be able to call Seldovia "home".

The work on the cannery dock has started. Good progress is being made by Jim Hopkins' crew. If you have not done so, come and take a last look at the old cannery dock before it is all gone. I suspect that within the next week all of the cannery dock will be history. Work is also progressing on the city dock and the re-wrapping of the piles. Yesterday was the first day that divers were in the water, and I think it safe to say "better them than me". I know that they have dry suits and they tell me the suits keep them relatively warm, but it still looks like a very cold job to me. The city dock pile re-wrap job should take about 4 weeks to complete.

We had our third public workshop on the small boat harbor and I believe that we have reached some conclusions as to what we would like to see happen. Thank you to all the public that came and expressed their viewpoint. It was very helpful. I will be discussing with the engineers in the coming week all that we have decided upon. We are shooting for a construction time frame that will start in the fall of 2006. There are a number of permits that must be obtained by the contractor (who ever the contractor will be) from the Corps of Engineers. Of course the permits will have to be obtained after the engineering work is completed. We are not planning to change the configuration of the harbor significantly. We want to accommodate the existing commercial fishing fleet, but in general we want to remain a "small" boat harbor. Some of the repairs that will happen include pile replacement, float replacement, upgrade to the electrical system, upgrade to the water distribution system, new lighting, grid repairs, and lengthening the access ramp. Of course the new fish cleaning table has been completed, but we are not planning to put that in the water until spring.

Seldovia Police Report by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

While making rounds Police observed an airplane to be sitting on the airport apron area and the aircraft was not tied down. The wind was starting to blow

with strong gusts. With the assistance of Pete Cain the Police tied the aircraft down to insure it was not damaged in the wind. Police were later contacted by the owners of the aircraft, wishing to express their heart felt appreciation for our looking out for their property.

Police responded to a 911 hang up call during early morning hours after the Police Dispatcher was unable to contact a local residence following the call. When Police arrived the family had to be awakened. It was determined the telephone connections outside of the home had gotten wet from the rain and had defaulted to the 911. The phone then rang as busy when the Dispatcher attempted to call back.

A citation was issued following a dog escaping from a local residence and attacking a neighbor's dog. Injuries to the animal attacked were so severe the dog had to be flown to Homer to the vet. This was the second type of attack within a few weeks by the same dog. The caretaker of the animal told Police the dog was going to be sent to Homer to be cared for by its owner. This incident, and other problems with vicious animals over the years, prompted the Police and City Manager to address Ordinances that would better fit the problems of vicious animal attacks. Hopefully within a short time we will have laws that will better deal with the problem.

In the early morning hours of October 30th Police responded to a Domestic Dispute after a lady called the 911 operator requesting assistance. The investigation revealed an argument between the couple had occurred after some items were damaged in the home. No physical violence had taken place and no injuries were observed. No charges or arrests were filed in the incident.

The Police have investigated two automobile accidents that occurred following the recent snow. No injuries were sustained in either accident and no citations were issued. Environmental conditions were determined to be a contributing factor in both accidents.

Approximately 1500 board feet of 1" X 4" X 20' lumber was reported stolen from the Jakolof Bay mill site sometime between 11/1 and 11/3/05. Anyone taking the lumber would have had to have an overhead rack on their truck or would have had to be pulling a trailer. Also taken within the prior three weeks were 6 - 7 cords of firewood, which was already cut into blocks. This firewood was stolen from the same general area. Anyone having any information regarding these thefts is urged to call the Police Department.

Police were contacted and asked to deliver an emergency message to a local resident concerning a member of his family who was missing. Police delivered the message...

A burglary was reported in the Barabara Heights Subdivision and six bundles of insulation reportedly were taken. Entry to the residence was through an unlocked window while the family was out of town in mid October. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Police Department.

Since last report the Police have contacted owners or operators of vehicles for violations regarding parking, registration, erratic driving and speeding. Three vehicle owners were contacted and asked that their vehicles be moved for snow removal purposes, two on Jakolof Bay Road and one inside Seldovia. The Police also assisted one motorist having engine trouble. Five documents have been notarized, three security checks on vacant residences have been conducted, Police have provided transportation for 3 people and have responded to 8 requests for assistance calls.

With the coming of snow those owning snow machines are getting excited. We in the Seldovia area are very fortunate to have the 3 & 4 wheelers, as well as the snow machines, on the roadways. It is unique to our area and it is very important that we realize the dangers that accompany this privilege. The City Ordinances outline the rules for the use of these vehicles on the roadways and they are the same with regards to the vehicles being registered with the State, the 15 MPH speed limit, lights on and staying to the right hand side of the road for both ATV's and snow machines but unlike the ATV's, the *operator of a snow machine must be at least 16 years of age and possess a Class "D" operator's license*. 3 & 4 wheelers can be driven by persons 14 years of age who possess a learner's, or beginners, permit but the snow machine laws differ in this area. So be aware of the laws and apply them so we can have a fun, safe winter.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our youngsters can't seem to wait to get out on the ice on Susan Lake. It is very dangerous to go onto the lake before it has been tested for thickness by adults. Even though the weather has been cold for awhile, the ice has not been tested and could be very dangerous. The ice can be thick in one area and very thin in others and, until it is checked, we need to stay off. So get the word out and tell everyone to **"STAY OFF THE ICE"**.

Anyone having information or observations regarding illegal activity in, or around, Seldovia is asked to call the Police and report your observations. If you desire, you may remain anonymous. If you are not comfortable with reporting locally you can call the Homer Police Department with your information and inform them you wish to remain anonymous. We must work together to insure the safety of our citizens as well as their possessions. If it were your property or safety at risk you would certainly want your neighbors to get involved.

