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Augustine Volcano News



Augustine volcano activity decreased to "ORANGE Concern" on Wednesday, Feb 1

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Get your tickets to the Lumberjack Dinner/Theater Night!
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(see article below)

Top Stories

Sea Otters put on another good show! *by Joy Smith*

Home basketball games in Seldovia from February 3rd to 6th provided a lot of entertainment for kids and adults alike. The remaining games of the season are all away from home. [Click here for a full report and photo story of last weekends games.](#)

Schools	Teams	Scores
Seldovia vs. Nikolaevsk	Girls	Otters won 34-30
Seldovia vs. Nikolaevsk	Girls JV	Otters won 48-30
Seldovia vs. Alak	Girls	Otters lost 41-49
Seldovia vs. Meade River	Girls	Otters won 50-35
Seldovia vs. Nikolaevsk	Boys	Otters won 68-41
Seldovia vs. Nikolaevsk	Boys JV	Otters lost 53-56
Seldovia vs. Alak	Boys	Otters lost 58-61
Seldovia vs. Meade River	Boys	Otters won 63-46

Before the boys' game against Meade river on Monday the seniors and their families' were honored, and the community honored Elaine Giles and Hugh

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Smith for all of the time and hard work that they had given to the sports program over the years.



Elaine Giles won an Outstanding Service award for 20 years as a GateKeeper in the Susan B. English Sports Program. (That's her son Doug on the left)



Hugh Smith won an Outstanding Service award for 35 years as a TimeKeeper in the Susan B. English Sports Program. (That's his daughter Joy on the left)

Photos courtesy of Darlene Crawford

School

▶ Basketball, School News & PhotoStory



A grand tradition at SBE School is the presentation of roses from the senior high school students to their parents at the last home basketball game of the season.



Photo courtesy of Darlene Crawford

Notices & Newsletters

▶ **NEW!** Senator Gary Stevens December Newsletter

▶ **NEW!** Representative Paul Seaton January 30 Newsletter

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

▶ Boys and Girls Club February 2005 Calendar

▶ Boys and Girls Club Newsletter

▶ Harbor Survey Priority Results (pdf)

The basketball teams will be playing in a tournament in Valdez on February 9th - 11th. Good luck Sea Otters!

Lumberjack Dinner/Theater Night

by Mary Glover

Great food and great entertainment, don't miss it!

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a fund raising dinner on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 6:30 pm. The Dinner/Theater night will be held at the new Seldovia Tribal Conference Center. The Chamber is raising the seed money needed for the Seldovia Woodcarvers Chainsaw Carving Contest to be held on Memorial Day weekend (May 25-29, 2006).

Corrections

▶ None this week

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The dinner will consist of a thick ribeye steak, salad, bread, baked potato and Seldovia blueberry crunch desert. Entertainment will be a mystery murder play put on by Jenny & Paul Chissus, Curtis & Ronanda Liberty, Mark & Michelle Massion, and Paul O'Leary. Tickets are \$35 per plate or \$70 per couple. If you are coming from Homer, we have a package deal that flies you to Seldovia, includes the dinner, arranges for overnight lodging and flies you back the next day to Homer. Tickets are on sale at the Herringbay Mercantile store (234-5500) or by calling 234-7859 Ext. 34 between 2:30-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

Buy a Ticket for your Sweetheart and give it to her/him for Valentines Day, but don't wait there is **LIMITED SEATING. *Come Join the Fun!***

Tsunami geology from Sumatra to Seldovia

by Tom Glover

Is Seldovia in a tsunami threat zone? Come find out!

On Thursday, February 23, Bret Higman will be doing a public presentation on his work with tsunamis, *including an overview of the relevance of that to Seldovia*. Another aspect he will include is his recent trips to the Indian Ocean and his strange experience of doing science during a media blitz.

Bret is from Seldovia and is currently a grad student at UW Seattle and working on the geologic records of tsunamis. To understand evidence left behind by ancient tsunamis, he studies modern day tsunamis. He is funded by the USGS, the Petroleum Research Fund and the UW Seattle Earth and Space Sciences Department.

Everyone is welcome and there will be ample opportunity to ask questions. Since this talk obviously has disaster relevance for Seldovia, Fire and EMS personnel should find it useful. This presentation is being sponsored by the City of Seldovia.

City Council Meeting - February 8

by Tamara Blodgett

The regular Seldovia City Council Meeting convened together with the following Council Members present: P. Boscacci, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Mark Massion and Walter McInnes. Mayor Wyland officiated with Ronda Haynes taking minutes. Keith Gain had an excused absence and the City Manager was out of town.

Councilman Massion moved to amend the agenda and add **Ordinance 06-06** as Old Business item L2..

Action: Amended agenda approved.

Committee and Advisory Reports

Chamber of Commerce is putting on a fundraiser dinner on the 25th of February with a Mystery Theatre presentation. It will be held at the Conference Center, with tickets available for purchase at the Herring Bay Mercantile.

Seldovia Oil Spill Team (SOS) mailed out a letter to the community members, inviting them on February 16 for the 15th Annual directors meeting which will begin with a potluck at 6:30.

EMS will have a class in April for EMT2.

17b Trails Committee made two phone contacts on Feb. 2. Mr. Moore of the Realty Dept. stated that they were proposing a way to get The City and SNA to the table. A follow-up call was made and they are presently drafting a letter that should reach Seldovia shortly.

Vista Grant Writer, Lisa O'Leary is working on funds for Lake Susan Park, improvement and maintenance, as well as the monument for the Russian Orthodox Cemetery that was relocated during the Urban Renewal. A public needs assessment survey is also in the final stages of development.

Old Business

Ordinance 06-07, Amending the Sundry Fee Schedule to Add a Large Vessel Surcharge is a surcharge for all vessels over 100 feet.

Action: **Ordinance 06-07** has been postponed until the next regular meeting with a possible workshop in the meantime.

Ordinance 06-06, which was passed at the last council meeting, needed to have wording replaced that set the effective date as January 1, 2006.

Action: Amended Ordinance 06-06 passed unanimously.

New Business

Planning Commission Appointment, Everett Boscacci withdrew his application and included an endorsement for Dan Blodgett.

Action: Mayor Wyland's nomination of Dan Blodgett for appointment for the Planning Commission was unanimously approved.

Informational Items Not Requiring Actions

The 2005 Census, which only lists 243 people in Seldovia, will need to be tabulated on a door-to-door basis in order to adjust the official municipal head count. Councilman McInnes would like The City to gather as much information as possible on the sources that were used to determine the census. Councilwoman Boscacci noted that census gathering has been done by the following methods: death/birth certificates, school enrollment, driver's licenses and permanent dividend records. Councilman Massion and McInnes have volunteered to execute the door-to-door census by the April 1st deadline.

Mayor Wyland will travel to Soldotna to attend a meeting with the Kenai Peninsula Mayors on February 10th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. They will be addressing some of the community challenges that face their individual areas.

Mayor Wyland mentioned the need for a City Logo. Wyland would like to see an artistic-type of graphic.

City Managers Report - none this week

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda

Councilwoman Boscacci would like to see enforcement of the leash law and asked that it be put on the agenda of the next regular meeting. Councilmen Keesecker, McInnes and Massion concur with Councilwoman Boscacci. Councilman Massion thinks a stiffer fine schedule may be in line as well.

Next Meeting

February 22, 2006 at 7:30 pm with a special workshop to precede it at 6:00. The workshop will address Ordinance 06-07 and the issue of leash enforcement for dogs within city limits.

Meeting Adjourned: Time elapsed 42 minutes 26 seconds

P&Z Meeting - February 6 *by Tamara Blodgett*

P & Z convened together with members: E.Boscacci, Chissus, Carluccio, Hopkins, Sweat and City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes.

Committee Elections will be tabled until City Council reviews potential appointments.

Consideration of site plans for Gary Milton for setbacks for variance request for lot 3b, 31 A. The homeowner wishes to "square up" the lots to make them both more 'buildable'. It was determined to adjust the size of the dock so it would be in compliance without the need for a variance.

Motion: A solution was found through discussion and the variance request was removed.

Mr. Milton will be required to resubmit his building permit with the adjusted sizes of his new dock. After the new building permit is submitted, a special

meeting will be held the following week to address this issue.

Continued Business

The revisions on the Zoning Codes will need to go to The City Council to be approved. Before submitting to the council, The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the code. It will be on the agenda for the next, regular meeting.

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - January 30

Greetings from Juneau on this 28th day of the legislative session. It looks a lot more like winter here even with many hot issues under consideration.

I was very happy to hear reports that the tanker in Nikiski was floated and that there does not appear to be any oil spilling. Once again the necessity for preventative measures is brought to everyone's attention.

The fluoride resolution, HCR 5, which I sponsored, moved out of Community and Regional Affairs and on to the HESS Committee with all "Do Pass" recommendations. People were pleased that this resolution enables, but does not require, communities to promote healthy teeth.

I introduced two new bills this week. HB 418 revises the mining tax structure and HB 425 protects private landowners allowing recreational use of their lands.

The Senate-combined methamphetamine/marijuana/steroid bill was not accepted by the House and was sent back to the Senate with the request to remove their amendments. The Senate will probably not agree to recede from their amendments so the bill will proceed to a House/Senate conference committee to see if they can work out an acceptable compromise before we see it again. I voted not to accept the combined bill.

The administration conducted another presentation of the long-awaited Production Profit Tax rewrite of the State oil tax structure with a range of possible tax and credit percentages. Although this gives us a little clearer idea, much analysis will need to be performed to look for unintended consequences under various future scenarios.

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Senator Gary Stevens Newsletter - February 6

Hello again from Juneau. The 24th Alaska State Legislature has completed four weeks of work and less than 100 days remain until the May 9th adjournment. The early days of the session have been devoted to bill hearings and committee work. Still ahead are major discussions on the operating and

capital budgets.

The following items are covered in this months newsletter:

Oil and Gas - new taxing structure

University Oversight Committee

Budget Sub-Committee Assignments

Personal Legislation Update

Advisory Commission on Local Government Legislation

SB 247 re-establishes municipal revenue sharing in statute.

SB 246 provides funding for the municipal revenue sharing.

SB 248 creates the administrative borough category of municipal government. This new classification of borough calls for voluntary boroughs in areas of the state that can support local government.

K2 Caucus Teleconferences

District R Visitors to the Capitol

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Special Notices

SOS Team 15th Annual Board of Directors Meeting and community potluck - Come join the fun!

On Thursday, February 16th, 2006, the Seldovia Oil Spill Team will be holding their 15th annual Board meeting in the Multi-Purpose room. The evening will start with a community potluck at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. SOS is extending a special invitation to all members of the other Seldovia emergency response organizations.

The Mission of the Seldovia Oil Spill Team (SOS Team) is to serve as a community-based response team dedicated to protecting the environment through oil spill education, prevention, preparedness and response. They rely heavily on community support and welcome ideas, participation and involvement with the communities' residents.

If you have any questions, call 234-7400 or email sos@xyz.net

Tidbits . . .

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City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> No report this week <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> Repeat report <<

A man reported the theft of ten gallons of gasoline from his skiff which was moored in Jakolof Bay Harbor. Someone helped themselves to five gallons of gas on two separate occasions. Both times the gasoline was housed in Jeri jugs and, on one occasion, the gas was taken from under the whaleback on the skiff.

A married couple taking a walk on Main Street were nearly struck by a vehicle which swerved across the roadway toward them. The couple had to run out of the way to avoid being hit. Due to the darkness the couple could not identify who was driving the vehicle and it continued on its way. The couple did recognize the vehicle when returning home from their walk and at that time recorded the license number. Police contacted the owner of the vehicle in question and he denied any involvement, stating he was at home at the time of the incident. He stated he did not loan his vehicle to anyone but he does not take the keys out of it so he cannot say that his vehicle was not the vehicle involved. The report was received by the Police approximately four and one half hours after the incident. In these type cases it's very important the Police get involved right away. The couple did leave a message on my home phone but I was away from my home that evening. To contact the Police in an emergency situation, such as this, you should call 911. The 911 operator has the ability to contact the Police at any time and the sooner the Police become involved the more evidence can be gathered in the case. Don't be afraid to call 911 with information. You can remain anonymous if that is your choice.

A call was received by the Police from a citizen who stated she had slid into the stop sign at the intersection of SBE School and Winifred Avenue. The lady found it impossible to stop, due to a recent light snow fall. Minimal damage was sustained to the stop sign and no damage was sustained to her vehicle. She was not injured in the incident. No action was taken by the Police and City

Maintenance repaired the damage to the sign.

Someone also hit the stop sign at the intersection of Bloch Street and Shoreline Drive, breaking the post. The sign was propped up until the Maintenance Department could find the time to deal with it. The person responsible was not located.

Police received an anonymous report of an underage child riding a snow machine on the streets of Seldovia as well as back and forth to school. Parents of the child were contacted and told of the existing Municipal Code that requires a person operating a snow machine on the streets to have an operator license. To obtain an operator license a person must be 16 years of age and pass a written and driving test. A snow machine cannot be legally driven on the City streets with only a learner's permit.

A report was received that the Chilkat, the large vessel that was moored in the Seldovia Bay, had broken loose from its anchorage and had gone ashore on Schooner Beach, the beach in front of Craig Higman's residence. Police called the owner and made him aware of the problem. The United States Coast Guard was also notified, as per reporting requirements. No damage was observed and no oil is leaking from the vessel at this time. The owner is making arrangements to salvage the vessel.

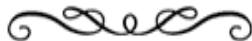
An HEA representative requested Police check for hazards from snow loads on power lines on the Rocky Road that leads to the City Landfill. A caller had reported the lines hanging very low over the roadway from the weight of the snow collected on them. HEA requested the road be closed until they could respond to the hazard if it was deemed necessary. Upon responding no hazard was found and it is believed the lines cleared themselves before Police arrived in the area. HEA was called and told no hazards could be found and the road was not closed.

Since last report the Police have delivered 1 message, fingerprinted 3 persons for employment and license related reasons, provided transportation for 3 people, Notarized 6 documents and responded to 5 calls for assistance from the public.

With all the snow and cold weather I remind drivers to take the time to clear your windshields before getting on the roadway. Visibility is poor at best in this type weather and a lot of people are walking. Let's take a little extra time and insure everyone's safety. Thanks!!!

The two Police vehicles, the Fire Truck and the Ambulance all received new, state of the art, mobile radios over the weekend. These radios, along with two hand held radios for the Police Department, are part of a grant through Homeland Security. The radios will make it possible for emergency responders to communicate all around the Kenai Peninsula in the event of a major disaster. ProComm Alaska sent two technicians to Seldovia to install the radios and they finished the installation on Sunday. We are finding the radios to meet or exceed our expectations. Along with being able to communicate in major disasters the radios were personalized by the technicians for local use and will be part of the equipment we use on a daily basis. We are very grateful to Sue Hecks, now of Anchor Point, who kept us in the loop from the beginning and kept bringing up Seldovia's Fire/EMS and Police concerns at all the meetings. We've all heard you can take the girl out of the country but you

can't take the country out of the girl well maybe you can take the girl out of Seldovia but you can't take Seldovia out of the girl. Regardless, we are very thankful for all of Sue's hard work and the time and effort she put forth in our behalf.



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