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### Unique Time Event on Wednesday!

On this Wednesday morning, April 5, the following time/date marker will be reached:

01:02:03 04/05/06

(Thanks to Bob Olson for that piece of clever trivia!)

### Augustine Volcano News



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

<a href="#">WebCam1</a>	<a href="#">Seismograph</a>	<a href="#">Main Page</a>
<a href="#">WebCam2 at the volcano site</a>		<a href="#">Ashfall</a>

Current news releases are posted daily on Seldovia.com (click here)

## Top Stories

### Seldovia Volleyball and Wrestling Awards

*by Tamara Blodgett*

A "nod" for our kids' hard work...

Susan B. English School hosted the co-Volleyball and Wrestling Awards last night. SBE Volleyball Coach, Ila Dillon, was first at the podium to praise what she mentioned was a challenging year that began with some bumps on the way and cumulating with a full team at Regions. Each girl was honored with an anecdotal comment that was theirs alone; attesting to their value and uniqueness as part of the team. Jennifer Giles and Emily Haynes were co-captains, with Miss Haynes playing her last year as a senior. Joy Smith had honorable mention as the only girl to play all four of her high school years consecutively. Miss Smith and Miss Haynes, both seniors, were the last of the girls from the championship team that played as freshman on the winning team from 2002-03.

## Marketplace



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Seldovia Boat Slips  
for Rent

The Seldovia harbor has 32  
foot and 42 foot slips for



**School**

▶ **School News & Track**



**Notices & Newsletters**

▶ **NEW!** Representative Paul Seaton March 27 Newsletter

▶ Senator Gary Stevens March 20 Newsletter

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

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

▶ Boys and Girls Club March 2005 Calendar

▶ Boys and Girls Club Newsletter

▶ Harbor Survey Priority Results (pdf)

**Corrections**

▶ None this week



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SBE Wrestling Coach, Dan Blodgett, took his place after Ms. Dillon to cap off the evening with his thoughts on the season. He began by explaining that because his team was inexperienced, he really felt that the focus of the season should be technique and conditioning. There was some good-natured laughs at the latter as many of the boys agreed that there definitely *had* been conditioning! Blodgett added that so much improvement had been gained through drilling the basics that he was very pleased with the boys' efforts. A few boys were honored with awards: Jordan Geagle was Most Improved, with Timmy O'Leary honored for Sportsmanship. The teams only senior, Paul O'Leary, was a state qualifier that placed 8th . Jordan Geagle, as a *freshman* was also a state qualifier. Mr. Blodgett feels that next year will be even better. He mentioned with the added familiarity of knowing the kids, what their needs are for success; pursuing those goals as coach will be his main agenda for next year.

The evening had a "sweet" finish with a dessert potluck offering of punch, hot tea, coffee and an assortment of treats to delight everyone there. Thanks for

you support and contributions Seldovia!

### PhotoStory Archive

- ▶ SBE Basketball Feb 2006
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- ▶ SBE Basketball Jan 2006
- ▶ SBE Christmas Play 2005
- ▶ Halloween Carnival 2005

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## Don Seelinger - Running for a seat on HEA Board of Directors

by *Mary Glover*

Check your mailbox today or tomorrow and get your ballot marked! The mail will contain a ballot for election of HEA Board of Directors. Seldovian Don Seelinger is running for a position on this nine member board. Don is running unopposed; however, a vote from you shows support for Don. Seldovians, let's do it! Don't think this vote is unimportant and let the garbage can have your vote for lunch!



HEA was formed in 1945 by nine forward thinking citizen who worked together to form Alaska's fifth rural electric cooperative. It took about five years to get the organization running smoothly with only 56 cooperative members in 1950. Today there are 20,153 members. HEA services approximately 3,166 square miles on the Kenai Peninsula!

Homer Electric is a member-owned cooperative. If you pay an electric bill in Seldovia, you are a member. This is why you have a vote. "One Member, One Vote," HEA website.

In an interview with Don, he told me that he will be required to attend six board meetings in Kenai and six board meetings in Homer, come rain or shine! Because Don is a pilot, this makes his ability to attend the meetings a little easier than if he were not a pilot. The compensation he receives for attending the Board Meetings might just pay his expenses, but Don is willing to do the job. Any other board meetings to be scheduled are at the pleasure of the President of the Board, David Carey. The territory that HEA affects and the three Districts of HEA Board of Directors span from just below Kasilof to Port Graham and Nanwalek, being a rather large portion of the Kenai Peninsula. Don said, "You have my support to get something done." Let's get active and support Don Seelinger by filling out our ballots and mailing them in! (THANK YOU Don Seelinger for your willingness to serve and represent Seldovia on

this Board.)

## Ukrainian Egg Art

*by Mary Glover*

Last Saturday, local Seldovian Marcella Suydam taught the ancient art of decorating eggs using the Ukrainian or Pysanky art form. It is a method of drawing a pattern on an egg with a pencil, then applying bees wax upon the eggs to cover different layers and patterns. Marcella brought to class some large goose eggs that she obtained from the Wagon Wheel Trading Post in Homer.



Marcella Suydam and Ukrainian Egg Art



The egg is initially dyed with yellow (a light color) and is progressed through a number of different egg color baths until the final layer (black) is done. A “kistka” is the tool that one melts the bees wax into and then applies the bees wax to the intricate designs on the egg.

Try to appreciate this art: a minute amount of wax comes out of the stylus and is applied to the egg at each layer of dyed egg. It is negative painting with wax. The number of colors on an egg tells you the number of times this egg has had the kistka tool/dye bath applied to it. After all the baths and art work, the egg is varnished and left to dry.





Eggs can either be blown or left with the raw egg contents in them. A raw egg needs to dry for up to 3 years without being touched or the rotten egg will explode! Not a fun experience! It is an exact art which requires a perfectionist personality and patients. For these reasons, it is not everyone's favorite pastime. However, the results are very beautiful and worth the time it takes to make one egg. Thank you Marcella for sharing one of your many talents with the class and thanks to SVT for sponsoring this event and using the SVT building

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## Pee-Wee Spring Wrestling Camp 2006

*by Tamara Blodgett*

*SVT provides younger kids with a chance to wrestle...*

An introductory meeting tonight with interested parents' and their kids, ages 6 through 12 proved fruitful. Susan B. English Wrestling Coach, Dan Blodgett, conceptualized the idea of a spring wrestling camp for kids ages 6-12 to provide basic skills for wrestling combined with light conditioning. Blodgett feels that this is a preemptive move to familiarize this age group with technique and skills crucial for later success in the sport. Traditionally, wrestling is only available for grades 7 th through 12 th at SBE. This type of camp will provide a foundation to prepare for those upcoming years.



The meeting was well-attended with a group of five to start; hopefully more to follow. This is a co-ed camp with both girls and boys welcome to attend. This is a *cost-free* camp that has been generously sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe and will be held Tue. - Thu., 7-8:30 pm beginning on April 4, 2006. Blodgett anticipates the camp will last a month with a tentative end date of April 27. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you all there!

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## Book Fair a huge success!

*by Joy Smith*



[Click here for details on the school page.](#)

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## Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - March 27

Greetings from Juneau on this 78th day of the legislative session. The weather is reminding us of spring in Homer and Tina just harvested her first 10-inch cucumber, based on the Homer Garden Club hydroponics workshop last fall.

We had the pleasure of entertaining our second week-long high school intern this week, Jenna Raymond from Homer. Jenna was an enormous help to us in the office. She got through all the work we had for her so quickly that we had a hard time keeping her busy! You can read more about Jenna's experience in the capitol in "Jenna's Corner," later in the newsletter.

The Alaska Youth for Environmental Action held their annual Juneau conference this week. Two young women from the district attended, Thorey Munro from Homer and Kirsten Huntsman from Nanwalek. My staff helped with some of the event training and Tina and I were able to attend a dinner with the students in the evening that included a student produced power point presentation on the effects of global warming in Alaska, and the connection with the increase in the number and costs of summer forest fires.

[Click here to read the full newsletter](#)

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## Special Notices

### *"The Seldovia Visitor"*

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce's annual newspaper is in its final countdown for the new publication this year. Last November, the Chamber voted to change the name of the paper to "The Seldovia Visitor" as the old name, "The Seldovia Summer Gazette" was "confusingly similar" to the on-line newspaper, the "Seldovia Gazette." The two are entirely different publications for two different entities. Currently, "The Seldovia Visitor" is looking for a few more articles for the paper. An article can be on just about any subject, as long as it is connected in some way with Seldovia. It could be a story about Seldovia or someone in Seldovia (historical), or maybe about how someone perceives living in Seldovia. The article's intent should be an article interesting to both the residents of Seldovia and to visitors alike. Don't worry, if your article is not published this year, it may be held over for a future edition. Even if you do not think that you are a "writer," you may have a story that would be a good fit for the paper. I encourage everyone to try to write one. If you would like to have an article published in this paper this year, please email your submission to Mary Glover ([maryg@seldovia.com](mailto:maryg@seldovia.com)) or just call 234-7525 and we will work something out.

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## Tidbits . . .

**This Seldovia turkey even made it to the evening news on one of the Anchorage TV stations last week!**



### City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

We have submitted the preliminary designs for the Small Boat Harbor to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Fish and Game in order to start the permitting process for the renovation. Draft design should be completed by the end of April, at which time we should have a much better feel for the costs of the renovation. Until now, we have been working off engineers estimates which can vary as much as 30%. This is following a

completely normal process of engineering design and build.

The engineers are also progressing on the preliminary efforts to design a water filtration system via Village Safe Water. They are compiling lengthy data on our water quality for the last several years. The type of data being gathered includes water temperature, turbidity, pH, fecal coliform readings, total coliform readings, average demand, peak demand, and chlorine residual. This data will help in their design effort for customizing a filter system for Seldovia.

Mike Beal from the Seldovia Native Association has rescheduled his briefing concerning the status of the Kachemak Bay Ferry to April 12 during the regular City Council Meeting. I would encourage everyone who has an interest to come and listen to what has transpired so far during the feasibility study.

The consultants that the City has hired (using Kachemak Bay Ferry funds) to help us draft an enabling ordinance for a Port Authority will be visiting Seldovia April 11th and 12th. They will present, during the Council meeting, information on the formation of a Port Authority (what has to be done), answer questions as to what a Port Authority is (and what it is not), the pros and cons of a Port Authority, and what it would mean to Seldovia. Please come and listen to the pros and cons of a Port Authority for Seldovia.

The elevator system for the Community Center has been ordered. This is a project we are working on via the Rasmuson Foundation grant funds.

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

#### **>> Repeat Story <<**

A man reported the loss of approximately 125 gallons of furnace oil taken from a business on Main Street sometime between 1/25/06 and 2/16/06. Anyone having information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Police Department.

A lady ran into the Post Office with her vehicle when her foot slipped off the brake onto the gas pedal. No damage was sustained to the vehicle and only minor damage was sustained to the Post Office. No injuries occurred in the accident. The owner of the Post Officer building was notified and surveyed the damage and told the Officer he didn't wish to pursue any action. No action was taken by the Police other than contact with the driver.

A person reported a vehicle to be a traffic hazard when it was observed to be stuck in a snow bank at approximately one quarter mile, Jakolof Bay Road. The Police responded and assisted the owner in removing the vehicle from the snow bank to alleviate the hazard.

A report of man surf boarding behind a vehicle on the maintained roadways outside of the City was reported. Activity of this nature is a violation for both the surfer and the driver of the vehicle in that it creates a hazard for those involved as well as others they encounter on the roadways. Police were unable to observe the infractions and could take no action but will do so if this type activity is observed in the future.

A report of a young adult buying liquor for the minors was received and, after some discussion, the subject was barred from taking package liquor out of the Linwood Bar and the Main Street Market Liquor Store. Both establishments have the right to refuse service to whomever they choose.

Police wrote letters of support for both the SVT and the Boy's & Girl's Club to assist them in their grant proposals. Both organizations are attempting to secure grants to assist in keeping the doors open and activities in place for our young people.

Police assisted the Alaska State Troopers in delivering Civil Papers to a local residence after they flew into Seldovia from Homer.

A sea otter that was reportedly injured was referred to SVT for disposal. The otter was sent to Anchorage where it will be examined to determine the source of the injury.

Police assisted a motorist after he locked his keys inside his vehicle.

Police assisted the City Maintenance Department in the launching of the F/V Artic Fox and the SOS 650 Responder Barge as both had been sold and are leaving Seldovia.

A report of juveniles consuming alcohol was taken and the investigation into the matter continues.

A cell phone was turned in that was found in the Harbor parking lot and the owner was located and will be picking up his phone at the Police Department. If you find lost articles, please turn them in so we can make every effort to get the item back to its owner.

A man who was conducting a survey for the US Census Department was reported to be very forceful in his approach, was rude and asked troubling questions of a lady who was home alone at the time of the contact. The man came to Seldovia by water taxi into Jakolof Bay, took a taxi to the lady's home, he conducted the interview, which lasted between five and ten minutes, took the taxi back to Jakolof Bay Harbor and left on the water taxi for Homer. The lady was very distraught when she talked to the Police and she knew she should not have let the person into her home. He told her the survey was a mandatory survey and that it would be only take a few minutes but some of the questions he asked were felt to be inappropriate for this type survey. The Police conducted an investigation and were able to locate man's supervisor, who was in the Seattle area, and she was told what had taken place and Seldovia's remote location. She was told the man used bad judgment, was aggressive in his approach and reportedly rude in his mannerism. The lady assured the Police that the survey was indeed legitimate but was not supportive of the manner in which it was handled. She was informed that the tax dollars could be put to better use with regards to the cost of travel the man incurred getting her and only for a five minute interview. She told the Police she would be talking to the man about the way he conducted the interview and his aggressive approach. It was suggested that possibly a man should wait until someone else was present in the home of a lady alone prior to conducting the interview.

When someone comes to your door and you do not wish to talk to them, you

are not required to let them in regardless of the nature of the interview. Tell them you do not wish to talk to them, close and lock the door and call 911 and ask for Police assistance.

On this occasion, even though the man was forceful and rude, nothing bad happened. Even in Seldovia you could very well be at risk. We're here to help you. Don't hesitate to call on us.

Since our last report Police have delivered 1 emergency message, responded to 4 requests for assistance, notarized 5 documents for the public, provided transportation for 2 persons and responded to 9 reports of "Dogs At Large".

It's been awhile since we put a Police Report in the Gazette but we were away from town for a time during Ann's back surgery. She is doing great and we would like to thank all of you who called, sent cards and flowers and kept us in your prayers. It means a great deal to know that we are in a community that cares about its people.

