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Top Stories

Tidepool to expand

by Tamara Blodgett

Local favorite gets bigger and better . . .

Local couple, Matt Gallien and Sara Nichols, recently put in a bid to purchase the city lot adjacent to the current site of the Tidepool Restaurant. After meeting with the couple, it became clear that a lot of thought and time went into the submittal packet presented to The City Council at the most recent meeting on April 12.



Spotlight

▶ **Colton Collier - Best Wishes to our Sea Otter Team Captain!**



The time line...

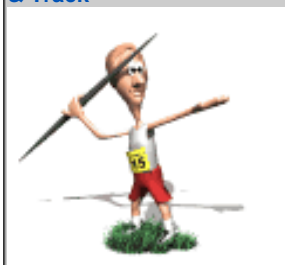
Development of the expansion plan will be implemented within 6 months of bid acceptance(which it was), with an additional 18 months for completion of the project. Current, tentative ground breaking is scheduled for July through November. The scope of the project is large. The planned, 2,688 sq. ft. addition will expand seating, kitchen space and allow for an additional apartment above the new structure. The current seating capacity is 32 inside and 16 outside. After the expansion, it will increase to 48 inside seating and 28 outside. Sara Nichols noted that accommodating the larger crowds, like The Chamber, will be easier with a separate section devoted to larger groups and/or extra seating. The new seating area will be located where the current, larger table is now located in the back of the building. The wall behind that table will be opened up to accommodate French doors that will sequester the new seating area from the established, while still allowing pass-through and ample light. Nichols said, “ The most exciting part for me is having the larger kitchen.” And Amen to that! After touring the existing kitchen I was so impressed that a restaurant on that scale efficiently operates in such a compact area. It is worth noting that the space was highly organized with every vertical inch used!

Keeping costs down and service up...

Matt Gallien plans to use his boat to fetch supplies which they have traditionally brought in by air. This will significantly reduce the operation cost and keep the overhead lower. Nichols mentioned that they plan to try to coordinate all their food and beverage vendors so that these planned runs by Gallien will be cost-effective and efficient.

School

▶ **School News, wrestling & Track**



Handyman and entrepreneur...

Gallien will be overseeing the construction work and doing much of it himself. With a 24- month time line, he anticipates a brisk schedule. Gallien also plans to begin a sight-seeing venture once the expansion is completed ;this will augment the current business. Gallien and Nichols will be pleased when the upper apartment is completed, as this will allow the stray tourist or costumer with a spur-of-the-moment place to stay.

A spontaneous menu...

Nichols says she changes her menu almost every season. A larger kitchen would allow her to be even more versatile in her choices. Nichols mentioned that they push the limits of their kitchen to the maximum to get as much menu versatility while still working within the parameters of the smaller quarters. She's happy that in the future she will have a home for everything and be able to organize her wares with a larger menu in mind.

The Tidepool will keep it's same flavor...

The decor will carry through into the new addition. The casual beachy-seaside atmosphere will be maintained and expanded. Being new, I was curious as to whose idea the decor was. Nichols said, “ It was a living, breathing, changing project as it went along.” It obviously developed a mind of its own (*asharp, artsy one!*). Nichols and Gallien conceptualized the idea of using shadowboxes as table tops. This is the perfect showcase for the wonderful, ebony colored sand of Outside Beach as the backdrop for a myriad collection of shell bits,

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wholes and other sea -related items in a colored assortment from white to ivory. Each table has a different "theme." There is one table that is special to Nichols. Her friend, Susan Carlough, lent an artistic hand and made a shell configuration that Sara likened to a Mandala Prayer. Tim Dillon gave the nautical rope that the glass tops rest on, with Nichols mom lending her flair too. Gallien and Nichols emphasized that during the construction of The Tidepool there were many community members that lent their time and energy to the initial project. The couple feels strongly that part of their confidence in going forward with the expansion is the loyalty of their customer base; it makes it all worthwhile for them.

Current hours and those to come...

The current Tidepool hours have increased by two hours per day in addition to Sunday. They are now open from 7am until 3 pm. The couple will be starting their summer hours on May 17th and will maintain that schedule until around the week after Labor Day. In the past, Nichols has closed from 3:30 to 5:30, and this year she will effect a change. She and Gallien plan to keep the store open during that transitional time frame for an appetizer-only menu. Allowing for the odd time of day when people need a "little" something but aren't ready for supper yet. Mother's Day falls on the 14th this year and plans are underway for a brunch in honor of mothers'. Nichols and Gallien will have a staff of nine this year, some are high school seniors. It will be a hectic schedule for the pair but their mantra of honest hard work gets the job done will see them through what they hope will be a prosperous season with others' to follow.

Turkey Report!

by Mary Glover

OK folks, here is the scoop on the turkeys! The turkeys are starting to cause a public nuisance. By definition, a nuisance is defined as "a use of property or course of conduct that interferes with the legal rights of others by causing damage, annoyance, or inconvenience."



A few local supporters of the turkeys decided to go out and make their feelings known on Thursday.

In a telephonic interview with Andy Anderson, Chief of Police in Seldovia, we were told that the turkeys have caused some damage and annoyance. More

particularly, his entire afternoon yesterday was tied up with calls and complaints about the turkeys from several sources. Apparently, the turkeys are aggressive towards some people, are defecating on some people's porches, eating the newly sprouted flowers/buds in private gardens and scaring the children. Chief Anderson has now had to go to the school twice and remove a turkey from the school's grounds. Currently, the only solution Chief Anderson has had offered to him is by Sadi Synn who has volunteered to cage the turkeys and keep them at MacDonald Spit until the snow melts at Red Mountain and then turn them loose. Chief Anderson said that removal of the turkeys is also for their own protection. (A local turkey shoot would not be a good thing...or legal!) He also stated that he agrees that it is unique to have turkeys in town; however, "the problems do end up in the police department" and valuable time is being taken up with animal control issues. Some of the additional animal control issues that Chief Anderson has had to deal with are: 1) the "dog off-leash" issue; and 2) wild black bears within city limits. Chief Anderson stated he has to "deal with the whole concept and is open to suggestions." If anyone has any ideas/solutions as to containment for the turkeys, please notify Chief Anderson immediately.

Mayor sets Cleanup Day!

by Mary Glover

Mayor Dick Wyland has declared May 20, 2006 as *Clean Up Day* in Seldovia. Actually, it not only is on May 20th but all week long, from May 14 to May 20th. This week used to be called, "Clean Up, Spruce Up, Paint Up Week." On Saturday, May 20th, everyone who is physically able, should be outside with bag in hand and do their part in keeping our city and nearby areas free of litter.

Like so many timely things in Alaska, this is the time to do it! Summer happens so fast, that we just have to decide, "Let's do it!" Once again, all our citizens are being asked to come forward and help with the annual clean up campaign. Think of it as "beneficial exercise"... a little bending over and picking up of the unsightly litter may even benefit your waistline! It always amazes me how much litter seems to come out of nowhere after the snow melts away! How can we have so much litter on the ground, under bushes and on the sides of the road, and especially at Outside Beach? May 20th is the official Saturday for Clean Up Day! Everyone needs to take ownership of this event and help. It is not just the kids at the Boys & Girls Club, or the Mayor, or whoever, it is all our responsibility and if you haven't done so in the past, you need to make it your intent this year. "Many hands make little work." Clean up your block, or adopt a section at Outside Beach. Take a stroll out near the shoreline and pick up the litter. Let's come together as a community and **everyone** do his/her fair share to make our Seldovia live up to our slogan, "Just Another Day in Paradise."

Litter Bags are being provided by the Kenai Peninsula Borough and will be available at the City Offices. If you have picked up litter, you are not so likely to make litter! Let's train our children to be responsible citizens. Picking up our litter is not an option, it is everyone's responsibility. We all need to do a part to support our community. Because the City Offices are closed on Saturday, May 20th, you should get your bags May 14-May 19. Full bags of litter can be placed on the roadsides and the City's crew will pick them up on Monday, May 22nd. Bags should be properly closed to avoid spillage of picked up litter.

Seldovia Pet Clinic - May 17

Sign up for appointments at the Post Office

Homer Veterinary Clinic is coming back ... they are looking forward to their annual clinic in Seldovia. Appointments will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 PM so they can return to Homer! They will also consider having a Fall (September) clinic if there is sufficient community support and commitment. (They want feedback from all of use concerning a return visit.)

When you sign up for the pet clinic, to be held on May 17, 2006 you MUST put a contact phone number down. If they cannot reach you, there most likely will not be available appointment space for your pet. Also let them know how many pets you plan to bring to the clinic, their names and what you wish to have done. This clinic will be for wellness check ups, pedicures, vaccination updates, worming, microchip placement and providing educational information. They will not be doing surgeries.

If you have questions regarding your pet's needs, please call ahead of the clinic date to 235-8960 so they can have the records and correct supplies available. Sign up sheets need to be faxed to HVC by May 15th and they will be calling owners with appointment times. Available appointments will be directly related to the number of pets to be seen so signing up early is advisable.

Thanks to Cheryl Reynolds for submitting the HVC's notice!

SBE Junior and Senior High travel to Delta

By Tamara Blodgett

SBE students travel for music this time...

Plenty of Susan B. English students will be descending on Anchorage on their way to Delta Junction for a cooperative Band/Choir Mass Band extravaganza tomorrow. There will also be Honor Band/Choir playing at Delta. Auditions were sent to Delta in February so students from SBE could be a part of the Mass Honor Band/Choir that would be playing. Miss Hilts, SBE Music/Drama/English Teacher, mentioned that our students have the opportunity to "challenge" other chairs that are playing like instruments if they would like to move ahead in their placement. Hilts also noted that the time line breaks down as follows: three quarters of the time is the mass group rehearsals, with the remaining quarter of that time is left for the individual schools to be adjudicated. Our band/choir, and other individual bands/choirs, will perform before the directors of the Honor Band/Choir. The groups that receive the superior rating would be the group selected for the mass band/choir performance this Saturday.



The Region 2 Music Event is an annual event. Miss Hilts mentioned that when there is a music program in place then SBE participates. The monies that make this event possible are from the music funding that is part of the school budget, in addition to the Booster Club's substantial contribution. Seldovia Native Association has graciously offered the use of the Dimond Center Hotel as lodging for the kids when they are in transit, to and from the Anchorage area on both Wednesday and Sunday nights. When they arrive in Delta, the girls will be staying at Delta Junction High School with the boys staying at Fort Greeley School.

The Region 2 Music Festival has been going on for years but the first year that Seldovia attended was 1979. Mr. Rod Hilts was instrumental in getting SBE involved with the festival that first year. Since SBE students do not have opportunity to attend every year, there *will* be some students that have attended before but it will be a *first* time for several students that are new or missed the "boat" on years past. With only a month left of school, this will be the last big travel trip planned until the new school year.

Much Ado About Something *by Tamara Blodgett*

The kids do drama...

A play will be coming up here in Seldovia on May 12th. Miss Hilts, Drama/Music/English Teacher at Susan B. English has put on two productions this year that have been well-received by the community and the kids that took part. After the last Christmas Musical Production, the kids were already asking Hilts what they could do this spring.





Since the kids are currently studying Shakespeare, it seemed natural for them to flow right into an offering of his. Hilts was looking for something with a shorter length that was humorous and got both with the play, “Much Ado About Nothing.” She noted that everything is progressing smoothly with high spirits and joking all round. Parent helper, Lisa O’Leary, is using her drama background to assist with practicing parts, diction, etc. Hilts is thrilled to have someone that has a great strength in this area and she said it has been a lot of fun working with Lisa. Hilts says that sometimes she has to be the “fun police” at times when the kids have a little *too* much fun! Don’t miss this last of the season play by are young people, it’ll be a riot!

City Council workshop on the Seldovia Port Authority

by James Van Altvorst, consultant

On Tuesday, April 11, a City Council Workshop was held in the Multi-Purpose room to discuss the options and process of creating a Seldovia Port Authority. Included in the meeting were members of the City Council, Seldovia City Manager Kurt Reynertson, and consultants Kent Miller and Jim Van Altvorst.

Forming a City of Seldovia Municipal Port Authority

The Seldovia Village Tribe has received a federal grant of \$2 million to assist in the organization, planning and development of a passenger and vehicle ferry to serve the communities of Homer, Seldovia, Halibut Cove and Port Graham. The process of developing this ferry will also include consideration of possible port sites at Nanwalek and Jakolof Bay . Seldovia Native Association, Inc. (SNA) is the designated manager of this project.

The proposed Kachemak Bay Ferry will require an organizational framework to manage and operate the proposed ferry service. SNA, in consultation with the City of Seldovia , has determined that a municipal port authority organized

under Alaska Statutes Title 29 would be an appropriate means to meet this need.

SNA has contracted with James A. Van Altvorst, Van Altvorst & Associates, and Kent Miller, Industrial Economist, to assist the City of Seldovia with the formation and organization of such an authority to manage and operate the Kachemak Bay ferry. Van Altvorst and Miller are well-qualified to assist Seldovia; they performed similar services for the six Southeast Alaska communities that established the highly-regarded Inter-island Ferry Authority (IFA) in 1997.

A Brief Introduction to the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act

Although the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act has been “on the books” since 1992 (§ 2 ch 97 SLA 1992), it has been used only twice to date. The IFA was the first municipal port authority formed under Alaska Statutes Title 29. In 1997 four Prince of Wales Island cities (Coffman Cove, Craig, Klawock and Thorne Bay), Petersburg and Wrangell formed the highly-regarded Inter-island Ferry Authority, which now offers daily year-round scheduled passenger and vehicle ferry service between Prince of Wales Island communities and Ketchikan and will soon initiate new seasonal service between Coffman Cove, Petersburg and Wrangell.

The proposed formation of a Title 29 municipal port authority to manage and operate the Kachemak Bay Ferry would be the third application of the Act in Alaska, and the second involving formation of a ferry system operating authority. Thus, Seldovia would not be pioneering the use of the Municipal Port Authority Act for this purpose.

Appropriate for Seldovia and the Kachemak Bay Ferry Project

In general, the Municipal Port Authority Act appears to be an appropriate basis on which to organize the proposed Kachemak Bay Ferry service. The Act includes several features which could help the City of Seldovia and nearby Kachemak Bay communities address immediate as well as long-term needs for water-borne transportation. A brief description of these features follows:

- A Title 29 port authority will be responsive to the needs of local residents and businesses. Alaska statutes require that an authority “be governed by a [locally appointed or elected] board of directors, which shall exercise the powers of the authority” and that “the board shall appoint a chief executive officer of the authority who serves at the pleasure of the board.” The specific features of the authority’s organization will be set out in the ordinance(s) which create the authority. The fact that the authority will be created by local governments and operated by area residents ensures that the Kachemak Bay Ferry will display a strong local service focus in all of its operations.
- Once created, a Title 29 Kachemak Bay Ferry operating authority should not be an administrative, financial or legal burden to the local government or governments which created the authority. As a matter of law, a Title 29 municipal port authority is actually quite independent from the local government(s) which created it. Although a port authority is “an instrumentality of the municipality or municipalities”

which created it, the authority nevertheless has “a separate and independent legal existence.” Importantly, then, if the City of Seldovia creates a Title 29 port authority to manage and operate the Kachemak Bay Ferry, the City would not be liable for the debts of the authority. Rather, the “liabilities incurred by ... [the] authority shall be satisfied exclusively from the assets or revenue of the authority” and shall not constitute a “debt, liability, or obligation of the state or a municipality” or a “pledge of the faith and credit of the state or a municipality.”

- A Title 29 port authority organization can ensure that the operation of the Kachemak Bay Ferry will respond to market demands in efficient and cost-effective ways. A Title 29 port authority can generate revenue by charging for its services and for use of its assets; however, it cannot levy property, sales or other taxes. Therefore, unless financial assistance is voluntarily offered by state or local government, it must operate from earned income – in the case of the Kachemak Bay Ferry, it must “operate out of the fare box.”
- As a public agency, a Title 29 port authority will enjoy significant financial advantages including tax-exempt status and eligibility for federal transportation grants. Also, its employees would be eligible for Alaska Public Employees Retirement System benefits.

In sum, the Municipal Port Authority Act appears to be an appropriate tool to assist Kachemak Bay area residents to manage and operate the proposed ferry system in ways which are particularly responsive to community needs and desires at costs they are willing to pay.

An Enabling Ordinance Required

The Municipal Port Authority Act allows a single Kachemak Bay local government, such as the City of Seldovia, to create an authority by ordinance. The Act also allows two or more of the area’s local governments to work together to form such an authority by adopting parallel ordinances. The Act requires that the voters of the municipality or municipalities participating in the authority must ratify any such ordinances during a regular or special election.

The City of Seldovia has recently begun the process of drafting such an enabling ordinance. The Municipal Port Authority Act sets forth the requirements for such an enabling ordinance. At minimum, the Act requires that the “enabling ordinance by which a port authority is established must specify the powers, boundaries, and limitations of the port authority.” In addition, the ordinance must at least provide for dissolution of the port authority, creation and maintenance of a port authority development plan, and the “number, qualifications, manner of appointment or election, and terms of members of the board” of directors. As a practical matter, the operation of the port authority would likely benefit from an enabling ordinance that includes more detail.

The City intends to complete a draft ordinance by early summer 2006. This schedule will allow the City Council to complete its formal review and adoption in time to allow voters to consider ratification of the enabling ordinance during the fall 2006 general election.

City Council budget workshop - April 19

by Tom Glover

A City Council budget workshop was held on April 19th and as presented by City Manager Kurt Reynertson, there is some work to do on the budget in order to get it balanced. The following are highlights of the discussion from the City Manager:

1. Real Property Tax income is increased due to the recent Borough assessing efforts. This amount does reflect the successful SVT application to the Borough to exempt most of their property from the tax roles. Mr. Reynertson has protested this decision by the Borough to the Borough, but does not know when and if the decision will be addressed. This had an approximate 7,000 to 8,000 dollar "hit" on our yearly income. This "hit" does NOT include any past year's tax that the SVT may file and try to get back from the Borough and City.
2. Personal Property Tax income is reduced due to some ACS assets being de-valued
3. The budget assumes that the health insurance figures will be comparable to FY 2005. Remember we used a much less figure for FY 2006 but were unsuccessful in finalizing negotiations with the union.
4. The budget assumes an insurance liability figure comparable to FY 2005. We budgeted for a 10% increase in FY 2006 over FY 2005 for the FY 2006 budget, but in fact experienced a reduction from FY 2005 in FY 2006.
5. The budget assumes that we must continue on with the reduced hour work week for the City employees.
6. The budget assumes some significant increases in equipment maintenance for the grader, back hoe, and front end loader.
7. The budget assumes cleaning the drinking water holding tank and a dam inspection in the water special revenue fund
8. The budget assumes significant maintenance for the boat haul out trailer in the boat haul out special revenue fund.
9. The budget assumes funding (setting aside) once again, but a greater amount, major maintenance and repair in all the funds.

The City Manager will be introducing an ordinance that addresses the major maintenance and repair line item at the next Council meeting. He would like to create a special fund that all major maintenance and repair monies would be transferred. Within this fund the separate funds (i.e. general, water, sewer, dock, harbor, and haul out) would retain their individuality. This effort would insure that these funds would be a little harder to "get at" and would take Council approval to allocate to any major maintenance and repair project.

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 17

Greetings from Juneau on this 99th day of the legislative session. Tina and I have enjoyed being able to spend Easter weekend at home with family and friends. The weather was beautiful earlier this weekend but today I'm not sure I'll be able to get in to the LIO because of the snowstorm! Oops! Took the studded tires off too soon!

I carried HB 420 on the House Floor this week. The bill completes an extensive overhaul of the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA), which governs how timber harvesting, reforestation, and timber access occur on state, private and municipal lands. Major revisions to the Act occurred in 99 and 03 to reclassify streams and establish riparian management standards in both Region I (coastal Alaska) and Region III (interior Alaska). HB 420 adopts many similar standards, as well as some specific to our home region, Region II (southcentral Alaska). The bill has been widely supported and passed the House by unanimous vote. You can read more about the Act at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/forestpractices.htm>.

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Special Notices

If you need flowers for Prom - READ THIS!

Prom is *fast* approaching and many young men and ladies will be looking to purchase corsages and boutonnieres for their dates for prom. ***Mrs. Sunni Hilts has announced she will not be available to prepare flower orders this year.*** However, Forget Me Not Florist of Homer (235-7881) is available for this service and it should be emphasized that time is of the essence and to get your order to them ASAP. Thanks!

Seldovia Summer Visitor goes to press . . .

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce's annual newspaper "The Seldovia Visitor" (previously "Seldovia Summer Gazette") has been delivered to Seldovia and advertisers may pick up their bundle of papers at Herringbay Mercantile from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Individuals can pick up a paper at most businesses in Seldovia.

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Tidbits . . .

Do you Know where this interesting art is located in Seldovia? See answer below the picture . . .



Tidepool Restaurant table tops

City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

A draft design workshop for the small boat harbor will be held on April 25th at 2 PM in the multi-purpose room. This is a very important project for the City. The next step after this workshop will be to give the go-ahead to the engineers to accomplish a final design. The public is always welcome to attend any City workshop.

While the engineers are here discussing the small boat harbor draft design, they will also continue gathering data on our water quality. 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.

We are making progress in the installation of the new X-Ray machine for the Seldovia Clinic. Liberty Electric has been contracted to complete the inside electrical work necessary to hook up the new machine and they are currently working in the clinic to do just that. The next step is to have HEA provide new 3-phase power to the clinic and finally to have the GE technicians come and complete the installation and to accomplish an operations check.

As some of you may know, the lot between the Seldovia Harbor Inn and the Tide Pool was sold via Council vote. The new owners are Sara and Matt and they have plans to expand the Tide Pool as well as develop other business operations in the expanded facility. The vote was unanimous by the City Council to accept their full price bid. Matt and Sara provided the Council with business plans and a conceptual drawing of the addition. Work will soon begin (within the next 6 months) on the addition.

The first FY 07 budget workshop was held last night. There is a lot of work to do on the budget as it does not balance right now. There are still some big unknowns that we are trying to estimate, such as health insurance costs and general liability insurance costs. While the property assessments recently accomplished by the Borough have increased most taxpayers' property taxes, there are a couple of high valued properties that have recently been declared

tax exempt and have dropped off the tax roles. This has severely impacted the City's financial position. We are working hard and trying NOT to raise the mill rate to cover rising expenses.

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

>> Repeat story <<

Police received a call that children were climbing onto the roof at the SBE School on the weekends, as evidenced by the snow angels that were observed on the roof. They were accessing the roof by getting on a trash can and then pulling themselves up on an oil line that delivers oil to the school from the oil tanks. The matter was addressed by the teachers in a school setting and no further reports of this activity have been taken.

A report was taken by a concerned neighbor of roof damage that occurred to a summer resident's home when the snow slid off. The owner was contacted by Police and came to Seldovia and repaired the damage.

A property owner called the Police to report a 4-wheeler parked on her private property without permission. The Owner was notified and stated the machine was parked there because it had broken down but he would move it right away.

The meter reader for HEA observed a trailer on Bloch Street was sagging under the weight of the snow load and she passed this information on to the Police. The owner, who no longer resides in Seldovia, was contacted and told of the threat of the roof caving in and said she would get someone to shovel it. The roof was not shoveled and did cave in. She has been notified of the damage.

An immature eagle found dead, floating in Tutka Bay, was turned in to the Police and it was packaged and sent to the Federal Fish & Wildlife in Homer.

The two wild turkeys are still strutting around town. The tom first visited the school and had to be removed and a few days later the hen visited the kids and had to be removed. They were each reunited with their mate on both occasions.

Police responded to a call of a teenager who had not come home all night. After searching the area and getting some information Police located the teen with friends in a vehicle. She was taken to the complainant who was informed as to where she was and whom she was with. No further action taken by the Police.

A tenant at the Lakeside Terrace requested assistance after locking herself out of her apartment. The Police responded and gained entry to the apartment.

Police assisted the EMT's in the response, and medivac, of a reported overdose victim during the early morning hours.

Police responded to a Domestic Disturbance wherein alcohol was a contributing factor. Transportation was provided for one of the subjects and those involved were separated for the night. No further Police action was

necessary.

Police observed a motorcycle, a dirt bike, being ridden on the Jakolof Bay Road at approximately 1.5 mile. The driver was contacted and could not produce an operator license or proof of insurance. The motorcycle also was not licensed for the roadways and upon investigation it was found the driver's privilege to drive in the State had been revoked. Summons Complaints will be issued for Driving on a Revoked License, Failure to Maintain and Show Proof of Insurance and Failure to Register Motor Vehicle.

Spring is coming and with it, hopefully, a lot of sunny days but also with the warm weather we get an influx of black bears. As you are aware, we have many bears visit our community looking for all the food stuffs we make available to them. The big news in Anchorage now is their new City Law that makes it an infraction to keep edibles in an area accessible to bears. We don't have such a law and hopefully never will have to request one. If we will start early to clean up our properties, take down our bird feeders, keep garbage inside until we visit the landfill and make more frequent trips to the dump, we will be taking effective measures to reduce the bear population that comes into town each year. Research has proven that the bears come in to find food and if it is not available to them they move on through and rarely return. To make this work everyone has to participate in the effort. We don't want the bears to realize they have a food source inside the City. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game suggest putting electric fences around dry fish houses and smoke houses to discourage hungry bears. It has been proven bears do not like electricity. All of this may sound like overkill to some of you, but to avoid one person being hurt by a bear, I would think all of us would want to participate in the effort. Please call the Police when a bear is sighted in town. We need to discourage the bear's presence and we have different non lethal methods of doing this. If we find the garbage isn't being managed and the bears do become town bears, we will be disposing of the bears on sight. We would rather discourage their presence but we will do whatever is necessary to protect the public.

