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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



The Tide Pool Welcomes you for a Mother's Day Brunch!
May 14th 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Menu: **Steak and Eggs**, grilled filet mignon medallions set over an avocado salad with two eggs cooked to order, served with hash browns and fruit salad. \$18

Eggs Benedict, perfectly poached eggs set atop a toasted English muffin, finished with hollandaise; served with sausage links, bacon strips, hash browns and fruit salad. \$12

Mediterranean Shrimp Omelet, a fluffy omelet stuffed with shrimp sauteed with spinach, red onion and sun-dried tomato, topped with feta cheese, served with hash browns and fruit salad. \$14

Berry Stuffed French Toast, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries are sandwiched between two layers of battered french bread and baked to a yummy golden confection finish. \$10

Top Stories

Loosen Up! The Annual Booster Club Auction is Coming!

by *Mary Glover*

May 13, 2006 at 5:30 PM at the SBE Ottortorium

Get ready for another famous feast cooked by Liza! Come for dinner!

Guest Chef: Liza Bieri

Appetizers: Potato Croquettes, Toast Points w/black

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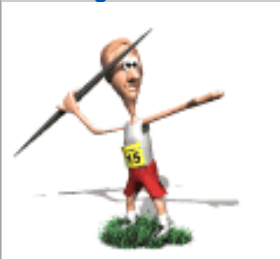
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 Featuring Italian Menu: Chicken Marsala, Pasta Primavera,
 Seafood Fettuccini
 Desserts: Cappuccino Mousse, Italian Bread Pudding,
 Apricot Tart

Then another show is watching Master Auctioneer, Gerry Willard. Who doesn't love to watch an auction performed by Gerry! So fun! Many items especially made and donated by the community will be auctioned. Come one, come all.



Homer Electric Association steps up to the plate! HEA again supports the Booster Club this year because it knows our kids need dollars to be able to have sports in the school. This is a framed print by famous artist, Sydney Lawrence.



Then, to top it all off, at the end we will have the "Magic Treasure Chest" - \$100 in Liberty Dollars This is not an auction item! However, everyone who wins an auction will have his or her name dropped into a hat. At the end of the auction there will be a lucky winner who gets the contents of the pot of Gold—Silver! Sorry winner, the chest has been promised back to the genie who is going to refill it for the next time!

Much Ado About Nothing - Don't miss it!

rent. Call for details:
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Presenting Shakespeare's

“Much Ado About Nothing”

In the Susan B. English School Commons
Friday night, May 12th
7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by S.B.E. School and the Seldovia Arts Council.

Piano Recital in Seldovia

by *Tamara Blodgett*

Local kids show their stuff...

Local Seldovian, and Spotlight Reporter, Charity Winters, has made the time to do some piano teaching on the side to the delight of local children. Ms. Winters has a busy schedule and a family to care for but has made teaching music one of her community endeavors.



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Winters has a range of students in all age groups: one Kindergartner, one 2nd grader, one 3rd grader, two 6th graders and two seniors. Recital performers included: Sarah Geagel, Emily Haynes, Paul O'Leary, Sarah O'Leary, Aidan Philpot, Isabelle Radliff, and Samuel Scribner.

Despite butterflies, all the kids played really well at the recital that lasted about a half-hour. The recital ended with awards given out by Ms. Winters to each child based on their lessons with her. There were, "Most Improved", and "Best Sight Reader," to name a few. Each child had value in her eyes and they were honored accordingly. I am sure there will be more than a few returning children next year!

The History of Mother's Day *by Tamara Blodgett*

Not a just a Hallmark card...

The earliest nod toward mothers' dates back to the Grecian spring festival devoted to Rhea, the mother of many deities. It was a dual offering of sorts. Offerings from the Romans were also made to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. By the 1600's, English Christians began to celebrate this festival on the 4th Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, virgin mother of Christ. This was later expanded to include all mothers and was named "Mothering Sunday."

Mother's Day starts in America...

About 150 years ago Ann Jarvis began the modern-day Mother's Day as we know it now. It sprung from the hard life that she knew in the Appalachian Mountain area where health needs would go unnoticed. She hoped to raise awareness of their plight and with mothers' help she began to call it "Mother's Work Day." After her death in 1905, her daughter, also named Anna, wished to commemorate her mother's life's work by honoring her spoken wish of a day to honor mothers' everywhere. It is said that Anna began to rally support from prominent businessmen and politicians. A commemorative service held in West Virginia in 1908 honoring Anna's mother proved a turning point in the public consciousness. Anna handed out white carnations to the entire group of attending mothers. By 1911, almost every state in America was celebrating the second Sunday in May in honor of mothers. On May 8, 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day a national Holiday.

Another woman vital to the recognition of mothers was Julia Ward Howe (composer of the Battle Hymn of the Republic). She hoped this day could be

recognized as a day of peace. She held yearly Mother's Day meetings in Boston Massachusetts from 1872 forward.

Mother's Day gains momentum...

Anna Jarvis later regretted initiating Mother's Day. She felt it had become commercialized and the original intent convoluted by greed and profit. What had started as a respectful homage to mothers' hard work everywhere had degraded into nothing more than another meaningless holiday. She filed a lawsuit to stop a Mother's Day Festival and was later arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling carnations for a war mother's group.

Jarvis passed away in 1948 and never got a chance to see how beautifully Mother's Day has turned out, despite commercialization, for mothers everywhere to have their day to be cherished. What was begun as an awareness of mothers' roles in the lives of their children and others is being honored today much in the spirit of what Anna Jarvis intended.

Mother's Day generates communication & gifts...

This day is one of the highest phone and mail communication days. Sons and daughters vie for their mothers' attention on this special day. Traditional gifts are: flowers, candy, jewelry, a specialty greeting card, anything that "spoils" mom, volunteering to do a "chore", and a flowering bush or tree that blooms at that special time of year. Families will also celebrate the day by gathering together as a family or dining out.

Things others have said about Mom...

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." *Abraham Lincoln*

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." *Author unknown*

Things our mothers' say...

"Be careful or you'll put your eye out!"

"Close that door! Were you born in a barn?"

"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!"

"Did you wash your hands? Let me smell."

The Bible says...

John 19 26-27: When Jesus, at the time he was dying on the cross, saw his mother there and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother," from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Happy Mother's Day!

City Council Regular Meeting - May 10

By Tamara Blodgett

The City Council convened together with the following members present: Peggy Boscacci, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Mark Massion, and Walter McInnes. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes and City Manager Kurt Reynertson was in attendance. Councilman Keith Gain had an excused absence.

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 06-12, FY07 Budget : A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA , ALASKA , APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007 . This is the new operating budget for the year. Please see Workshop article for summary.

Action: Passed unanimously.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Please see Workshop summary in story below.

Committee and Advisory Reports

Planning and Zoning Commission has amended their recommendation on one code to The Council. A building permit was approved as well as a replat of the Polsky Property. It is the unanimous view of the P&Z Commission that we (the community of Seldovia) needs to take care of the parks that we already have, rather than dedicate an additional parcel of land for another park. Further, P&Z would like to reaffirm their position for their recommendation that Lot 1, Block 13, be rezoned from Public, to Commercial Marine.

A member of the **Public**, Tim Dillon, mentioned that he would like the height restriction to remain at the current restriction of 35'.

Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a woodcarving contest that will take place on Memorial Day Weekend. There will be 7 carvers in the competition. The Chamber is sponsoring the 4th of July Celebration, which will be an all-day activity for all age groups.

Vista Volunteer Report: The City Dock Project has made the first round of review with the Denali Commission. The final review will be on May 23. The City has made the final cut and financial support (part or full) looks promising. Two grants are still pending; one is the 'firefighters for emergency communications' upgrade and a mini-grant for a 'technology' upgrade for The City.

Please see [SOS Meeting](#) article below.

17B Trails Committee representative Walter McInnes has phoned the BLM and asked for copies of correspondence. They said they would get back to Mayor Wyland or McInnes with any correspondence that was forthcoming.

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Vice President Steve Lewis wished to recap some of the items that came about from the RCAC annual meeting that pertain to Seldovia. Firstly, the Response Gap was discussed. Although the Prince William Sound Response is touted as being the best in the world, Lewis emphasized this was so on a "good day." In effect, the response would not be timely enough to prevent catastrophe if the conditions were less than "good." The RCAC has undertaken an oceanographic, meteorological study to define just what percentage of time occurs. The object of that study is to quantify the response gap. Seldovia is one of several communities "downstream" that would be negatively impacted.

Regarding dispersants, there is a 17-year history that has not shown the effectiveness of dispersants. Therefore, its use is questionable, as is its safety. Consequently, after RCAC's money, in the amount of about a quarter million dollars and that same expenditure again in volunteer time and effort, the RCAC is against the use of dispersants in our region at this time.

Mr. Lewis was re-nominated as Vice President of RCAC and was congratulated by Council Chairman Massion. Councilman McInnes thanked Lewis for his diligence and expertise on these matters.

Old Business

Ordinance 06-10, Amending Title 18, Zoning Codes, The amended building codes have been submitted for Council Review. Specifically, P&Z have recommended building heights for all zoning, with the exclusion of Industrial, at a height of 32', with a maximum of 2 ½ stories. This recommendation was amended from the original recommendation of 28'. After a Joint Workshop with City Council and P&Z, and Public input, it was decided that the building height restriction should be increased to the 32'.

Councilwoman Boscacci introduced a motion that the building height should remain at 35', with a 2 1/2-story maximum. Councilman Keesecker seconded this new motion. This motion **failed** 3-2. The **no votes** were Councilmen Glover and McInnes.

Councilman Glover introduced a motion that the building height should be adopted at the (P&Z) recommended height of 32' with a 2 1/2-story maximum. Councilman McInnes seconded this new motion. This motion **failed** 3-2. The **no votes** were Councilman Keesecker and Councilwoman Boscacci.

It was determined through Council discussion that this **Ordinance 06-10** would have to be postponed until the next Council Meeting so that a full Council could deliberate.

Action: Action on Ordinance 06-10 postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ordinance 06-11, Amending Title 3 to add a Major Maintenance and Repair Fund, This will create a major maintenance and repair fund that will appropriate money towards the inevitable "rainy day." This allows for routine infrastructure maintenance as the need arises.

A member of the **Public**, Steve Lewis, respectfully directed the Council to vote in approval of this ordinance, which he felt was "way overdue."

Action: Unanimously approved.

New Business

Resolution 06-22, Supporting KPB Mayor, John Williams in suit against State for school funding, if passed, this resolution is a show of support for the suit against the State of Alaska that would result in raising the Area Cost Differential for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School districts. The costs of operating schools in the Borough are justifiably more than the costs of operation in less rural locales.

A member of the **Public**, Tim Dillon, spoke in support of this resolution. Councilman McInnes agreed with Dillon and is supportive of this resolution.

Action: Passed unanimously.

See **City Manager's Report** below.

Next Meeting: May 24, 2006

Meeting Adjourned: approximate time elapsed 51 minutes and 8 seconds

City Council Workshops - May 9 & 10

by Tamara Blodgett

May 9 Workshop: Seldovia Port Authority

Port Authority representative, Jim VanAltvorstmet with the Council on Tuesday. VanAltvorst is here to help draft an enabling ordinance for a Port Authority in Seldovia. While giving a progress report at the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, he commented that he continues to work with the Steering Committee since he was here at last month's Port Authority Workshop. VanAltvorst has outlined some of the options the community has to fund such and authority. It was important that he determine what the needs and wants of the community were. VanAltvorst developed a review draft for the ordinance that the Steering Committee can review. VanAltvorst thinks it likely there will be one more session for the review draft before it is submitted to the City Council for ordinance introduction. He anticipates another Port Authority meeting TBA.

May 10 Workshop: City of Seldovia 2007 Budget

Ordinance 06-12 discusses the new fiscal operating budget for 2007. Every line item on the budget that had changed was addressed. The budget is balanced with more money being set aside for Repairs/Maintenance. Health Insurance costs have risen 9% since the last year; it is a nation-wide trend.

Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter - May 10 *Press Release*

(JUNEAU) Despite the last minute failure of a bill to enact a new oil tax

known as the Petroleum Profits Tax (PPT), Senate Majority Leader Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) says the second session of the 24th Alaska Legislature was a success. Senator Stevens points to the Legislature's historic increase of \$131 million to the state's education budget and approval of numerous District R capital projects as highlights.

"PPT is the single most important issue the Legislature has worked on this decade. I am greatly disappointed we were unable to reach consensus on the new tax," Senator Stevens said. "Passage of the new tax structure would have meant \$1.6 billion more to the state, this is money that will not easily be replaced. I am convinced this issue will be revisited soon and a revised oil tax structure will be adopted."

In the morning of May 10, a Special Session convened to begin deliberations on amendments to the Stranded Gas Act. These changes are necessary for passage of a Natural Gas Pipeline construction contract. Ratification of the contract will require an additional special session later this year.

"Each special session could last up to 30 days," Senator Stevens said. "We will ensure Alaska receives its fair share of revenue from the new pipeline, while at the same time encouraging expansion and development."

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Homer Electric Association members elect directors at 2006 Annual Meeting

Incumbent Homer Electric Association directors Bruce Passe of Kenai (District 1) and Dave Carey of Soldotna (District 2) were elected to three-year terms by the membership of the electric cooperative. Also elected to a seat on the board was Don Seelinger of Seldovia (District 3). All three candidates ran unopposed in the election.

The results were announced at the HEA Annual Meeting at the Homer High School on May 4. In District 1, Bruce Passe received 788 votes; in District 2, Dave Carey received 1,142; and in District 3, **Don Seelinger received 1,050**. The total number of ballots counted in the election, including write-ins, was 3,161.

At the Annual Meeting, 176 HEA members registered, with total attendance close to 300. The meeting featured several informational booths with an emphasis on safety, automated meter reading, HEA's Geographical Information System (GIS) and renewable energy. Members also enjoyed complimentary sandwiches (a big thank-you to Arby's!) and refreshments.

During the business portion of the meeting, HEA General Manager Brad Janorschke reviewed the highlights of the previous year and participated in an informative question and answer session with the membership.

Several scholarships and awards were handed out at the meeting including special recognition of HEA employee Marianne Snowden for her many years of helping coordinate HEA's scholarship and youth education programs.

Special Notices

Hansen - Becker Engagement

Angela Becker (formerly Marcella Beaumont) and Dean Hansen of Anchorage will wed June 30th, 2006 at the Anchorage Courthouse.



Angela was born in Fort Wayne Indiana in 1967 and came to Anchorage in 1975. She is the daughter of Jean Becker of Fort Wayne . Angela graduated from UAA with a BA of Social Work in 2004 and is finishing the last semester of her BA of Psychology at UAA. She has a 10 year old daughter Tatijana. Angela enjoys camping, road trips, fishing, hunting, German Shepherds, and Beaucerons.

Dean is the son of the late Roy Hansen, Sr. and Lucille Hansen of Seldovia. He was born in 1959 and came to Anchorage in 1980. Dean graduated in 1978 from Susan B. English School in Seldovia. He enjoys camping, hunting, fishing, pool, poker and all animals.

Dean and Angela met in 1996 and started dating in 1999. He proposed on December 23, 2005 next to the Christmas tree.

Dean and Angela can be contacted at (907) 332-3224 or send email to seldoviaindian@alaska.net

The Fourth of July is a'comin sooner than you think!!

Now is the time to consider your opportunities to sell your great food item at the Chamber FOOD booth.

If you are the first to request a certain item, you'll be the only one to carry that item. We have the forms for your use to get the DEC permit, which must be turned in NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st.

Please contact Darlene Crawford to get the permit form, let us know your menu item, (and whether you need electricity) or if you'd like a different type of booth - i.e. Sales, games, or whatever.

Phone 234-7625 days at SNA or 234-7668 evenings

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!

Tidbits . . .

Ever hear that expression "A picture is worth a thousand words"?



Grampa John, Michelle and the new edition Cecilia Marie

City Manager's Corner*by Kurt Reynertson***Managers Report for the period covering April 26 - May 5**

- A Port Authority workshop was held where we discussed the draft enabling ordinance for a Port Authority. Good progress has been made and it appears that we will be able to introduce the ordinance, hold public hearings and get the initiative on the ballot by this October.
- The harbor project is on track to begin construction this fall. We should be receiving procurement packages for purchasing some material (steel pilings, electrical cable, and gangway) by the middle of next week. The city will be its own purchasing agent for these materials. Additionally, the city will retain ownership of salvaged material such as the old pilings, electrical cable that is pulled out of the harbor, gangway, and any planking boards replaced. These salvaged materials will be for sale to the general public once the project is completed.
- It appears that HEA will soon be moving forward with the installation of new 3-phase power for the clinic X-Ray machine. HEA is tentatively scheduling the week of May 22 to run this new service. After this has been accomplished I will coordinate with GE and Liberty Electrical to complete the installation of the new machine.
- We floated our new fish cleaning table last week. Work is now underway to hook up the table. We are also trying to salvage the old fish cleaning table so that our capacity will be even greater. The new fish table cleaning fees of \$10.00 are now in affect. Slip owners are of course able to use the tables at no charge.
- We have a new series of signs at each of the boat ramps now. The signs indicate that there is a \$5.00 ramp charge for each time the ramp is used (or \$25 annual fee for slip owners.) Again, slip owners receive two free ramp uses per year.
- We have made the "finalist list" for the Denali Commissions grant relating to City Dock improvements. The final decision will be made May 23. This grant was one that Lisa and I, along with a couple of members of the community, put together that will significantly improve our city dock. The grant, as written now, is over \$450,000 and includes new lighting, new approach, new rails, new cranes and stations and various other sundry safety features. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will obtain most if not all the funding.
- The city will receive \$37,595 to defray energy and other costs from the State in FY2007. We will also receive \$2405 to offset our under funded PERS obligation. PERS under funding is a serious State wide problem and Seldovia is actually very well situated as compared to the rest of the State.
- The city has been successful in obtaining State grants for a conceptual design in support of economic development for the old cannery property. We have also been successful in obtaining a State grant to once again fund a Silver Salmon run with smolt.
- Lot 5-A of Seldovia Townsite, Block 27 Replat has been appraised and is now available for bidding. This is the lot on the corner of Kachemak and Willow over on the Slough . A minimum bid price is established at \$33,000 and will remain for sale until an acceptable bid and development plan has been received and approved by the Council. Bid

packages may be obtained at the City office.

- We have advertised the old cannery property in the Alaska Journal of Commerce. The ad is currently running for 10 weeks and can be found in the "Real Estate" corner of the paper.

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

Police assisted EMT's in locating a pilot and then lighting the airport for a medi-vac. The Officer waited for the return of the aircraft and lighted the airport for his return, as well.

Young adults and minors were reportedly smoking marijuana in the parking lot at the Harbor. The complainant could not recognize those involved due to the darkness. They were reported to be passing a joint around among them. This report was taken the morning following the incident.

A summer resident returned to Seldovia to find approximately 120 gallons of heating fuel taken from his residence sometime during the winter. He had just filled the tank prior to leaving for the winter and no heat was kept on in the home. Anyone having any information should contact the Police Department.

2 reports of teens riding 4- wheelers and using skate boards late at night behind the school were received. During a presentation at the school with all the students present in this age group, I told them of the reports and that this activity had to stop. Both reports were received the next morning following the incidents. It is very hard to know who is actually committing the acts when it isn't reported until the following day. Please call when it's happening. If you cannot reach us call the Homer Police Department at 235-3150 and they will contact us. We're here to serve you but you need to take some responsibility and call when the act is being committed.

The Police assisted the Maintenance Department in the launching of two boats from the boat haul out facility using City equipment.

Police assisted the Maintenance Department in the moving of the new fish cleaning table from the City Dock to the Seldovia Harbor where it will soon be permanently installed.

Police delivered an emergency message regarding a member of the recipient's family having serious medical problems out of State.

Two Alaska State Troopers came to Seldovia and gave a presentation to the students regarding Drugs, 4-Wheeler safety and making float plans and hiking plans and putting them in writing when they plan an outing. The Seldovia Police assisted in the presentation.

A letter was delivered to some summer residents who had returned to Seldovia and started a construction project without first obtaining a building permit. The subjects were not aware of the need but are now getting the application together for the permit. All construction has stopped until the permit is received.

A telephone line trap was placed on a local phone number following a complaint of the victim receiving harassing phone calls. The necessary paperwork was filled out and ACS installed the trap. In a short time, provided the calls continue, the Police will apply for a search warrant to obtain the phone number responsible for the calls. The investigation continues in this matter.

A local resident could not get to sleep because of a barking/howling dog. Police responded and found the owners were out of town but had left a caretaker for the animal. The caretaker was contacted and the matter was resolved.

A man reported the lug nuts on the front tire of his vehicle had been loosened by person or persons unknown. He was fortunate to find the problem prior to the wheel falling off or serious damage occurring to the rim. This crime is labeled "Reckless Endangerment" and a person can spend time in jail if convicted.

Two black bears were brought in for sealing. This is the first bears known to be taken this year.

A bear carcass was dumped over the embankment just north of the Cemetery by persons unknown. Investigation into this matter continues.

A coyote was hazed off the Seldovia Airport with a popper shell after it continued to cross back and forth on the strip. Coyotes and aircraft are not compatible.

Police have received one report of a black bear in town. This is a good reminder that they will be visiting us and we need to do all we can to discourage their sticking around. I know it's a broken record but don't put your garbage outside and make trips to the landfill on a more frequent basis. I would appreciate a call if a black bear is in your area or, for that matter, if you see one in town.

Since last report I have notarized 5 documents.

