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The New Xray Machine is Installed! *by Tom Glover*

And who had the pleasure of the first Xray?

After numerous delays and complications over the past three years, the new GE Xray machine is finally installed, calibrated and ready for service at the Seldovia Medical Clinic. *[Editor's note: The grant money to cover the cost of the Xray Machine came from the Denali Commission. In addition, there was a legislative grant for \$25,000 to cover the electrical installation costs.]* Many thank go to following people, *in addition to the entities mentioned above, [Editor's note]* for making this project possible:

- Doc Larry and Cheryl Reynolds
- Rep. Paul Seaton
- City Clerk Ronda Haynes
- City Manager Kurt Reynertson
- City Maintenance Steve Kroll and Manfred Kurchner
- Jim Hopkins and Linda Hedgecoth for granting a power line easement
- Homer Electric Association for helping the City get a 60% discount on the power hookup.

A special thank you goes to GE Healthcare for holding the price of the new machine at the original quote even though so much time had passed, for keeping the original GE people on our project even though they had already been re-assigned and for getting the Xray Specialists to Seldovia..



Doc Reynolds (left) and GE Applications Specialist Dan Gebalski showing off the new hardware.



The honor of the fist Xray went to Michelle Bateman to check out a possible broken finger.



The second xray (chest) went to Tom Glover when Doc told him he needed a "big man" volunteer to check the machines calibration. [Since it's now Thursday evening and the rest of my waning hair has not fallen out due to an overdose, I'm assuming they have the calibration set correctly.]

The previous X-Ray Machine was installed in the Seldovia Clinic in 1980 and

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City Office (907) 234-7643

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continued to operate until June, 2006 when it was torn out to get ready for the new GE model. GE Applications Specialist Dan Gebalski said "Small clinic...it is well set up. I'm impressed." Dan was here for training operations. It was his first time to Seldovia.

Chamber of Commerce meeting - July 13

by Mary Glover

Sara Nichols accepted the plaque today bearing "Tide Pool Cafe" as Business of the Year 2006, Elected by the Membership of the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations are in order!



The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting was held on July 13, 2006, noon, and was well attended. The members had a good time eating, visiting and taking care of the business of the day. We were once again treated with hot bread made by Chris Wheeler and a delicious lunch. At the meeting, Toby and Elaine Craft were presented with an engraved clock in the shape of the State of Alaska that stated the future chainsaw carving contests in Seldovia will be called the "Toby and Elaine Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest." Toby and Elaine Craft sold their Seldovia home and will be leaving Seldovia in approximately one week. The Crafts hope to return to Seldovia during the next invitational carving contest next May, 2007.

Other business discussed during the meeting:

- To reprint the historical cookbook that the Chamber last printed in 1996 (original edition was 1978). Joni Reynertson is spearheading this project and will be looking into doing a new Chamber cookbook either this year or next year.
- We had a recap of the 4th of July. Mary Glover thanked everyone who helped to make this year's 4th of July a success and then the Chamber showed Mary Glover their appreciation for serving as the 4th of July Chairman. There was discussion about the remaining T-Shirts that still need to be sold and the Chamber will be selling these shirts at the Alaska Tribal Cache and in other places around town.
- The Chamber is considering increasing the Member Dues by \$25 per year. It was pointed out that the Chamber has had an increase in the cost of the printing of the Walking Map and other costs. The increase in dues will be voted upon at the August meeting by the members

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present.

- It was brought up that we should be preparing for next year's chainsaw carving contest by obtaining trees. This is to be accomplished by first obtaining permission from the Seldovia Native Association, Inc. for the trees to be donated, tagged, cut and hauled out. After brief discussion, it was decided the Chainsaw Committee would take this plan of action. The Seldovia Native Association, Inc. donated the trees for the 2006 contest.
- Next month, the Chamber will also be voting on a slate of officers for the 2006-2007 term. President Glover asked the directors of the Chamber to be the entity to form the slate and prepare the ballots for the next meeting in August. There was some discussion to separate the office of the Secretary/Treasurer as we have two people who are willing to run for these offices if the job was divided. Thus, there may be a bylaws amendment to be voted upon at the August meeting to this affect prior to the election.
- Peggy Keesecker and Tom Keesecker undertook a beautification project between the 14 day Parking Lot and the Harbormaster's Lot on Main Street. Peggy gave a report on the project. The members in attendance applauded the Keeseckers' work and all the people who were helpers in this project. The Chamber voted to put up the display case with a current large laminated Walking Map and sell ad space for \$50 per year which funds would be earmarked for "beautification projects." Beautification projects include anything the Chamber votes to beautify the Seldovia business district and make our community more esthetically enjoyable.

The meeting for August 3, 2006 is planned at the Glovers' House on the patio deck (weather beautiful permitting). We will have a hamburger cookout (hamburgers provided by the Glovers). Joni Reynertson will bring her delicious bake beans and Peggy Boscacci will bring her famous potato salad. Members if you have not attended a meeting this summer, consider coming. If you would like to come as a guest, just ask a member to bring you. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

McKittrick Presentation - 450 Mile hike with Higman and Evans

by Erin McKittrick



On Tuesday, June 11, Erin McKittrick (daughter-in-law of Dede Higman and Craig Higman), gave a slideshow presentation on a 450 mile trip she took with her husband, Bret Higman, and friend, Tom Evans.



Surprisingly all three in great shape without becoming emaciated after such a long hike! Left to right, Bret, Erin and Tom



Map showing route taken

This hiking and packrafting trip, only one of many crazy trips Erin and Bret have taken, looped the entire length of the two watersheds downstream of the proposed Pebble Mine, which sits on a drainage divide between the Nushagak and Kvichak Rivers. One purpose of the trip was to give people outside the area a better sense of what's there, and what could be affected if the mine is built.



They hiked the wet lands, the high lands, the bogs, the marshes and used the inflatables to span the lakes and rivers.

If you're interested in learning more, either about this trip, our other hiking trips, or the Pebble Mine issue, go to <http://www.aktrekking.com> and follow the links.

147 Ft. Super-Yacht Visits Seldovia *by Tom Glover*

Wow, what a beauty!

On a lazy summer afternoon, July 13, the super-yacht M/V Timoneer cruised into Seldovia Bay for a visit. Eight of the passengers and crew came into Seldovia and enjoyed a walk around town before their departure for Kodiak.





Basic specs:

- 147 feet long
- 30 foot beam
- 310 tonne displacement
- 75 tonnes of ballast
- Construction: Aluminium & Carbon Fibre Rudder



Now, I'm jealous . . . a ship-to-shore rubber duck with drop down stairs in the bow!!!

The boat is a private yacht and is not available for charter or lease. If you want additional details about this beautiful boat and a peek into the interior, click the link below.

[Click here for the M/V Timoneer HomePage](#)

Bid Awarded for Harbor Pedestal Lights

Work scheduled to start in harbor in September

The City received four quotes from suppliers of harbor pedestal lights. The City Engineers reviewed all product specifications from each potential vendor and all were deemed acceptable. The quotes were:

1. Crescent Electric: \$59,755.25 FOB Seldovia
2. Hypower: \$61,740.00 FOB Seldovia (same lights as Valdez Harbor)
3. GE Supply: \$67,026.43 FOB Seldovia
4. J&S Services: \$69,841.00 FOB Seldovia

All bid documentation is available in the City Office and all indicated that that the September 15 arrival date will not be a problem.

Crescent Electric was awarded the bid at the July 12 City Council Meeting.

City Council Meeting - July 12

Our Reporter was not available to complete the report this week - a report on the meeting will be completed early next week. Sorry for the delay.

Special Notices

None this week

Tidbits . . .

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City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Period covering June 28 - July12

- Elevator for the multi-purpose building is scheduled to be installed next week.

- I will be in Sitka and Ketchikan next week in view Port Authority operations. This trip is in conjunction with the Seldovia Port Authority initiative. The trip will be fully funded (time and travel) by the Kachemak Bay Ferry Study.
- I traveled to Soldotna yesterday in order to testify in favor of Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2006-21 which addressed tightening the requirements of the senior citizen property tax exemption to be more in align with what other Boroughs are doing. This ordinance does NOT affect nor delete the State mandated \$150,000 exemption. It does try to insure that only true residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough qualify for the exemption.
- The pressure washer at the boat house (next to the old cannery property) is now up and running. Cars and boats can be washed there. The machine takes tokens which can be purchased at either the City Office or the Harbor Master Office. Tokens are \$1.00 each.

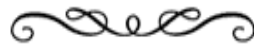
Seldovia Police Report by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

An important message from the Police Department

Outside Beach is NOT a dumping site. People seem to think the Outside Beach Park is a great place to discard their unwanted brush and lumber. It is not an area for this activity, that dumping is called "Littering" and this practice must stop! The landfill has an area for this purpose so please use it instead of our beautiful beach area. Burning spruce limbs will send off lots of sparks and it creates a forest fire danger in the wooded areas at the beach. If a forest fire is started, there will be serious legal consequences to both the individuals who dumped the brush and lumber as well as the people who started the brush fire. The persons responsible for dumping the brush and lumber are requested to remove the litter immediately.

The trash looks terrible and by letting one person do it, it entices others to do the same. Three photographs of the violations are included below and hopefully this notice will deter this activity.





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