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Connor Fisher Cameron - Happy Birthday

Born 8/11/06, Time 7:48pm
 Weight 7 lbs 10oz
 18 1/2 inches long
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Glen Szymoniak Visits Seldovia *by Tamara Blodgett*

KPB School District Assistant Superintendent listens to the community...

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District recently sent Assistant Superintendent Glen Szymoniak to Seldovia to speak at a public forum in which the community was an integral part of an interactive discussion about Susan B. English School. This forum was designed, in part, to address recent concerns surrounding the installation of a gate that bisects two different areas of school property (that is owned by the Borough). The second issue that was addressed was the termination (not through firing) of a local teacher.

The gate “speaks” against what is inherently Seldovia...

Sentiment was strong amongst the community that attended regarding the fence/gate installation. The fence and gate have been installed between the frontal parking area at the school, and the road that serves both the gym/pool and Boys and Girls Club facility. A member of the Public had recently attended a City Council Meeting in which he expressed his legitimate concerns about the late-hour traffic made by ATV’s that would take place in this area (beginning at the turn-off for SBE and using the terminus as a turnaround). He mentioned that local law enforcement has been contacted too, with no appreciable difference and it has been a reoccurring problem. The Council took *no formal action*, and did not propose the fence/gate installation. However, it was the general consensus that City Manager Kurt Reynertson would personally take this to the local law enforcement (which he did). Councilman McInnes was empathetic to this citizen’s plight and emphasized how important it was that the community takes this after-hours ATV abuse seriously. It would now seem; the fence installation was seen as one of the most logical means of preventative action against such traffic.

Four, long-time residents expressed their concern about this installation and what it means to the community. The most repeated emotion was one of broken trust. In which a community that takes great prides in the stewardship of SBE and its surrounding grounds very seriously. These community members feel the implication is that the kids cannot be trusted to behave correctly so they must be “gated” out so they won’t transgress. Furthermore, it

School

▶ **SBE School is about to begin!**



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was felt that all the preventative action needed could be handled with great success by just approaching the offenders with their actions and they would not transgress. That is what they feel makes Seldovia unique. We manage our own affairs with love and firmness and the kids will uphold this higher, unspoken standard of "ownership." "If they feel they're not part of the <ownership> and they have to be 'gated/fenced out' then why not vandalize (?), obviously they are not trusted, that is what it implies," noted Seldovia Village Tribe CEO Crystal Collier. Essentially, this would rob them of their sense of stewardship that has always been a "given" in this community. Councilman Keith Gain interjected, "That he was a product of this school system and things have not *needed* (been required) to change in Seldovia." Gain was puzzled on how the jump was made from one individual's complaint to a fence and gate installation. "As someone born and raised here, gate's are just a little insulting in Seldovia." SVT Grant writer Rod Hilts said, "That the gate is *not* Seldovia. This is a town that is a place where we take pride in keeping our keys in our cars, not locking our doors, knowing the kids to be safe all round town. Then all of the sudden, with no by or leave, there is a fence. This is an insult to the town."

Seldovia Fuel and Hardware owner, Dan Blodgett mentioned that he had understood that the fence and gate installation had simply been a matter of present and future liability. That if injury were to occur, then the Borough, as the owners of the school facility and surrounding grounds, would be held liable. "We (my family) come from bigger cities where every school is gated." Blodgett noted. "The fences that were installed in our previous locale were there strictly for liability purposes and securing the grounds."

SBE Junior, Timmy O'Leary, thought the fence and gate would be an inconvenience to the kids that enjoy playing basketball on the school grounds in the height of the summer when there is plenty of light in which to do so. He felt that it would be a deterrent to pursuits of quality and athletic interest.

The Borough responds to the reason behind the fence...

Assistant Superintendent Szymoniak responded with the Borough's position. Szymoniak noted that on most school grounds that the playground equipment is removed, the grounds are gated and locked down. The facts of the matter are that in a potential liable suit by an injured party, signs, postings and warnings would not be an effective argument that enough was done by the property owner (in this case the Borough). Only a physical barrier would be viewed as the most protective, preventative method to avoid potential injury available. Just having the play equipment could be viewed as an implied invitation for children to come and use it; with potential for injury the result. "I think the sole purpose of the borough putting the gate up was to stop the unauthorized and possible dangerous activity where unsupervised minors are in a place that they cannot be monitored. There would only be one named listed on a potential lawsuit, *the Borough's*," Szymoniak commented.

Principal Curtis Liberty mentioned that it is not just the *one* citizen complaint. That there have been several instances where trash and beer bottles and cans have been cleaned up by the custodial staff. In addition to the trash issue there have been some drag racing and similar activity by 4-wheelers, which needed to be addressed, at which time Mr. Szymoniak and Borough Maintenance Rep. Dick Ragland were contacted for their impute and resolution. This gate and fence are not meant to deter legitimate activities such as B&G Club, gym/pool, outdoor basketball and free play on the playground equipment but to stop the

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unauthorized activity on the ATV's. "It doesn't interfere with anyone's legitimate access," explained Liberty. He expounded that he, "Could not be on school grounds 24/7." Yet, there needed to be a solution to this problem that could be addressed in an economical and logical way.

Dropping the kids off is a safety hazard...

It was brought to Szymoniak's attention that the drop-off area for the kids being dropped off and picked up before and after school needed to be addressed for the upcoming year as well. The fall and winter timeframe can be a dark and slick time of year when sight is limited and pedestrian traffic is at a peak in a small area which makes it a dangerous situation for students. Gain mentioned that the dark as well as "jockeying" for position was something that was a recipe for disaster. Principal Liberty assured the attending public that this was something that was already in the works to be addressed first thing for the fall "walk-through," an annual event for safety and updating purposes at SBE.

A well-liked local teacher was not hired for the 2006-07 school year...

The second issue that seemed to strike an emotional cord within the community was that local teacher, Laurel Hilts was not hired for the 4th through 8th grade teaching position at SBE. There has been a lot of confusion as to the process that must be executed according to state and federal regulation. The Elementary and Secondary Act, No Child Left Behind Bill that was signed into Federal Law by President George Bush in January 2002 is inextricably part of this process. Principal Liberty noted that even tighter restrictions were implemented this past year. In order for a teacher to be hired at SBE (or anywhere in the United States) the candidate teacher must be "highly qualified" in the subjects in which they are seeking to teach.

What does "highly qualified" mean...?

"Highly qualified" is a specific term defined by the NCLB Act. The law outlines a specific set of requirements related to content knowledge and teaching ability that a teacher would have to meet. Generally, a highly qualified teacher must have:

- A bachelor's degree
- Full state certification as defined by the state
- Demonstrate competency, as defined by the state, in each core subject he or she teaches.

The first two requirements are rather straightforward and comply within traditional requirements for teachers. The third requirement is somewhat more flexible with the state's needs taking precedence over absolute rigidity. Differences between elementary and secondary teachers need to be recognized, as well as new teachers versus more experienced teachers, with allowances made for teachers that demonstrate competency in the areas that they teach.

The position for teaching the multi-grade classroom of 4th through 8th graders was not an easy position to fill. There were two, significant points that needed to be addressed. The first was that the teacher hired for this position would

need to be “highly qualified” in all core subjects, *and* would need to be HQ to teach all core subjects in grades K-6 *and* middle school. This dual requirement greatly limited the availability of candidates that met this criterion. Principal Curtis Liberty was pleased that there *were* six teachers that applied for this position. He felt that a competitive and larger selection pool gave KPSD the very best means in which to make a competent choice.

A member of the public, Gerry Willard spoke with passion about what a difference it made to his two granddaughters that Miss Hilts was present and active at SBE. Hilts made huge strides with her after school involvement in the Arts. Hilts was instrumental in three, major play productions along with a couple of musical productions and a Band/Choir Competition that took place in Delta Junction. These countless volunteer hours were very appreciated by the community, and in particular, the Willard family felt that it was a catharsis of sorts to their bereaved granddaughters who had so recently lost their mother. The representative public that attended this forum felt that locally raised Seldovian Laurel Hilts was more than just a teacher, but every bit the mentor as well. In a community like Seldovia, that counts for everything. Another member of the community felt that the kids in these remote villages need the constancy and stability that the same teacher year after year would provide them. Just-graduated senior, Joy Smith commented, “When they <new teachers> first come, you don’t even try to get to know them, because it *hurts* when they leave.”

Principal Liberty noted that Miss Hilts was a qualified candidate for the 4th through 8th grade position. However, in the end, the *most* qualified individual for this position was selected based on the NCLB Act in very large part, and other factors that he was not able, because of confidentiality reasons, to disclose. Liberty emphasized that Miss Hilts absolutely did a tremendous job this last year and is not diminishing that fact because of the hiring of a different teacher. Furthermore, to clarify, Miss Hilt’s position was funded through a grant and was a non-continuing position.

Three certified teaching positions were available this school year, with two of them strictly part time. Members of the Seldovia community filled two of these HQ, certified teaching positions.

On the subject of hiring in general, Szymoniak commented that the Borough has to “wait and see” until they know what the money situation will be from the state. Notice is given at the earliest time possible (in March) for teachers to have as much notice as possible. A non-tenured teacher has to go from year to year until tenure. “Pink slipping” is a way of life with the funding climate in Alaska. It is part of the process of hire. In collusion with the NCLB Law, hiring has become even more complicated and challenging than before. Szymoniak also mentioned that people that move to Alaska find it easier to get teaching positions in these remote areas (like Seldovia). Once they are tenured, then they move on to the more mainstream locations. Hiring in the bush has unique challenges that other locations do not have.

A solution for future hiring would be to select a “hiring committee.” This group could be involved in all the future hiring. This committee would work with the acting principal. There would be the same federal mandate and rules that apply to hiring teachers everywhere. They would effectively be a “voice” from the community. Liberty said the PAC Council was used this year during the hiring of the custodial position. Local impute is used when available. This hiring committee would be a volunteer group of people with the sight council

being the advisors in this pursuit.

Incoming Junior Timmy O'Leary had an excellent suggestion of resolution for this hiring issue. O'Leary mentioned that could not Polycom be used to keep the financial burden of interviewing lower while expediting the process of a future hiring committees' collective efforts to find the best candidate?

Polycom is a leader in providing conferencing and collaborative solutions to maximize the effective productivity of interaction with people from diverse geographical locations.

In the end, the community appreciated Szymoniak's efforts to take the time to visit Seldovia so our concerns and ideas could be heard. He was an empathetic listener that seemed to genuinely understand and clarify (educate) some of the issues our community was interested in discussing and learning about.

P&Z Special Meeting - August 11 by Tamara Blodgett

The P&Z Commission convened together to include the following members: Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio, Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins and Bobbi Sweatt with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes.

Consideration of Site Plans:

Joe Fleckenstein, Building Permit Application, Lot 1-A, Block 5, Frank Raby Subdivision

Mr. Fleckenstein has submitted a building permit application for a 28' X 34' deck built with Creosote-treated timber and piling. The deck will be 952 square feet.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Hugh Smith, Building Permit Application, Lot 2E, Block 42, East Addition

Local contractor Hugh Q. Smith has submitted a building permit application for a new residence. This residence will be a two story, 2000 square foot structure.

Action: Approval pending a re-submittal that will require three items (to be submitted no later than 8-16-06):

- Proof of compliance of building height restrictions
- Parking requirements
- Lot dimensions on plot plan
- Meeting Adjourned: One hour, 15 minutes (includes 30-minute recess for a workshop)

Next Meeting: September 5, 2006

Native Drummers Travel to Seldovia

by Tamara Blodgett

Native American Drummers are “instrumental” in more ways than one...

Some brief, summer weather greeted the 120 Drums of Thunder Native American group from California on August 7th. The weather cooperated for this evening event that took place on the deck that surrounds part of the Alaskan Tribal Cache Building. The fellowship was well attended with children especially in awe of all the unique drums and playing (what kid can resist a drum?!).



Photos courtesy of Michael Opheim

This non-profit, nomadic group travels from place to place (also internationally) preaching the Word of God to all that will hear it. Each member of the group gives their unique testimony on how Jesus changed their

lives after they accepted Him into their lives'. Their unique goal is to be missionaries for the Lord through traveling to Native Villages and Native American Reservations to spread the gospel and speak about their personal experiences.

120 D of T dresses in traditional Native American costume while worshipping God through their drum playing and testimonies. 120 D of T feels that God has given them the gift of drumming, in part, to help their ministry. Local citizen and participant, Nancy Opheim noted, "They're like missionaries. They help youth and families that need assistance." They are here to understand and support the unique needs, challenges and experiences of the Native American people.

Seldovia Harbor Pre-Bid Conference

The City of Seldovia held the Small Boat Harbor Renovation Pre-Bid Conference in the Multi Purpose room on Thursday, August 17. Attendees for the City included Kurt Reynertson (City Manager) and Gordon Seversen, Bob Moser, and Ron -- (Reps for the City of Seldovia from Michael L Foster & Associates). Mayor Wyland and Councilman Glover also attended.



A total of nine general and electrical contractors attended the conference and asked a variety of clarifying questions about the initial bid package. All questions will be answered in a follow up addendum provided by the City Engineers. All bids must be turned in by August 31, 2006, 5:00 pm. Bids will be opened on September 1 at 9:00 am. All work falling under the Fish & Game Special Area Permit must be done between September 15, 2006 and March 15, 2006. All work in the harbor must be completed by May 31, 2006.

Rep. Paul Seaton Special Session Newsletter - August 15, 2006

News Release

Greetings from Homer after the final close of the 2nd special session of 2006. This is the 3rd special session of this 24th legislature, a record number of

sessions as well as a record length.

Oil and Gas tax

On the last night of the special session the House concurred with the Senate changes to HB 3001 after initially failing to pass the revised bill on a 20 – 19 vote (we need the majority of the 40 House members to vote for a bill for it to pass). The absent ill member flew into town for the vote and several other legislators changed their minds as well so it passed 26 – 14.

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Special Notices

SBE School Registration and other notices

Return registration forms by August 17 - Immunizations done over the summer need to have Proof of Immunization at registration.

First day of school is Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at 8:30am. Students are NOT to arrive before 8:10 am.

Sports Physicals required for 7-12th grade students intending to participate in sports.

Attendance: if previously enrolled for 2006-2007 school year, information does need to be updated each year by parents or guardian or grandparents. The school must be notified if the student is not returning in order to be dropped from the roll or if the student misses ten consecutive days, the student will automatically be dropped.

What to bring the first day of school:

Paper, pencils, lunch money or sack lunch and non marking gym shoes if elementary and 5-12 taking P.E. Talk to the secretary if you can't get gym shoes.

Lock deposits are \$5.00 per lock required and will be reimbursed the last day of school when the lock is returned. You must use a KPBSD lock, unauthorized locks will be removed.

If you have questions call 234-7616 or 234-7617

2006 Election Calendar

Elections in Alaska are just around the corner and the following are some of the deadlines:

Date	Activity
August 22	Primary Election Day, Polls 7am-8pm
October 3	Seldovia Municipal Election
October 8	Deadline for voters to register for the General Election
November 7	General Election Day, Polls 7am-8pm

- [Click here to view a more detailed summary calendar](#)
- [Click here for complete information from the Alaska Division of Elections](#)

It's "that" time of year again . . . Property Tax

If you need additional information from the assessors office, click the following link:

[Kenai Peninsula Borough Assessors Office](#)

The following pamphlet includes a brief summary of property taxes as they pertain to aircraft and watercraft (1.1meg pdf file):

[KPB Personal Property Tax](#)

Tidbits . . .

[Yep, we still have a few beautiful summer sunsets left in Seldovia this year.](#)



City Manager's Corner*by Kurt Reynertson*

Our harbor project is still on schedule to start in September. Advertising for the project has been accomplished and bid documents have been released. There was a pre-bid conference on Thursday (August 17). Materials have been ordered and are due into Seldovia by mid September. Bids are due into the City Office by August 31, with bid openings on September 1 st. Our engineers will have approximately a week to 10 days to review the bids to insure qualifications and then the Council will award soon thereafter. Maximum attention will be given to insuring open access to the harbor throughout the project. There may be some times that the harbor is harder to access, but these should be few and far between. Material staging areas for the harbor project will include the 14 day parking lot adjacent to the harbor. These areas will be roped off to insure the integrity of the areas.

I understand that there are numerous pot holes throughout the city. These are being and will continue to be addressed. The Public Works crew is working very hard on numerous items within the city. Pot holes are one of the items that they are working to correct.

An update on the electric generator set that has been ordered for the Community Center is that the generator has a ship date from the lower 48 of late August and is expected to take 3 weeks in transit. My best estimate is that by October we will be installing the generator for the Community Center.

The conceptual design for the cannery property has officially begun. We will, in conjunction with Michael L. Foster and Associates (our City Engineers who will be doing the design) be addressing several concepts on how to best utilize the property. Once the conceptual design is complete we will be using this information to try to secure grant funding for facility construction. The conceptual design will be an inclusive process, but a managed one. If anyone has input they would like to share with our engineers, they are more than welcome to do so, but the input should come from a single point of contact which will be the city office.

During the last regular scheduled City Council meeting, Council passed ordinance 07-01 which deals with establishing a Seldovia Port Authority. There are some misconceptions of what a Port Authority will or will not do or accomplish for Seldovia. I will be mailing a point paper to all registered city voters to help explain and hopefully set aside some of these misconceptions. Before anyone asks, the mailing will not cost Seldovia a dime as it is covered under grant money. In the mean time, here is a summary of points concerning the proposed Seldovia Port Authority:

1. A Port Authority does not automatically translate into acceptance of a private Kachemak Bay Ferry.
2. Establishing a Port Authority does not mean that the Alaska Marine Highway System will be asked or encouraged to leave Seldovia.
3. A Port Authority has no ability to tax, or to obligate the City financially, or to create any risk or liability to the City. Under the draft ordinance prepared by our City Council, it would have no powers of eminent domain or land use regulation.
4. A Seldovia Port Authority will not cost the City of Seldovia, or its citizens, anything.
5. A Seldovia Port Authority would be capable of providing focused

guidance to the planning, development, and operation of transportation facilities and services in this community for *any* transportation initiative.

6. A Port Authority is a tool for the City to use to establish local control over our unique transportation needs.
7. As a public agency, the Port Authority can implement a development plan prepared with Seldovia citizens' guidance, using Federal and State transportation grants, other grant sources and its own revenue and revenue bonds.

Finally, I have hired a new Fire Administrator. This position has been vacant since mid summer and I have hired Michelle Bateman to take over the duties and responsibilities. Welcome Michelle!

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

A report of a black bear that refused to leave the landfill resulted in the Police using deterrent methods to discourage the bear's presence. It was hazed out of the Landfill and popper shells were discharged to discourage its return.

A vehicle that was parked at Smokey Bay Airlines was vandalized sometime between 8/03/06 and 8/05/06. The owner returned to find the vehicle had scratches on the hood, both sides and on the back of the car. No suspects have been developed in this Criminal Mischief case. Anyone having information are encouraged to contact the Police Department.

A report of approximately 10 gallons of gasoline being taken was received and the theft occurred between 8/3/06 and 8/5/06 while a vehicle was parked in the Smokey Bay Air's parking lot.

A battery was reportedly stolen out of a motorhome that was parked in the long term parking lot at the airport. The theft reportedly occurred in June but was not reported until recently. Investigation into this theft is underway.

A man staying in the RV Park with his wife and his dog was followed from the RV Park to the Outside Beach by a large black bear. Upon reaching the beach area the man was forced to the water's edge by the bear and he finally pepper sprayed the bear when it got within range. The bear was showing signs of aggression and was relentless in its quest. The pepper spray did divert the animal so the man and his dog could escape. The victim told Police he did everything he could to discourage the bear before spraying it but it kept pursuing him and his dog. He shouted, waved his arms and threw rocks but only turned the animal after using the pepper spray. Another large bear was said to have pushed another family out of their camp area in the RV Park and it is believed to be the same bear. If anyone is experiencing these type incidents with the bears, please contact the Police Department so we can take whatever steps necessary to protect the public against future problems. Police are making frequent rounds at the RV Park and Outside Beach area in an effort to locate the bear in question.

A citizen came to the Police Department upset by the erratic and dangerous operation of 4-wheelers in the area of the Outside Beach. The Complainant felt it was unsafe to be out of a vehicle in the area, let alone exercise a pet in there.

Three citations for “Negligent Driving” were issued following observations by the Police of three teenagers driving erratically on the Outside Beach Road. These citations were a direct result of a citizen’s complaint informing the Police of this activity occurring. The reckless manner of operation, which was observed by the Police Officer, placed the operators and anyone in the vicinity in danger of serious injury or death. ***We will be writing citations when we see these kinds of activities.*** “Negligent Driving” carries a mandatory court appearance and 6 points are levied against your driver’s license. 12 points in a year or 18 points in two years will result in a “Suspension” of you privilege to drive. It takes three years to clear a license of 6 points unless you take a defensive driver’s course, which in turn reduces the points by 2.

LAWS GOVERENING 4-WHEELER’S UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CODE

- You must be licensed with a minimum of an Instruction Permit (IP) which is to be carried on you person at all times you are operating a 4-wheeler.
- Your ATV must be registered with the State of Alaska and the decals must be adhered to the vehicle and in plain view.
- Your lights must be on at all times during operation on the roadways.
- You may not exceed 15 mph and stay to the right side of the roadway.
- You must signal your intentions when turning or stopping.
- You must wear a helmet if under the age of 18 years. (Alaska Statutes)
- You must report accidents that damage property or cause injury.
- No spinning around, fishtailing, popping wheelies or driving in an erratic manner.
- You cannot ride two abreast when riding with other 4-wheelers. You must ride in single file.
- You must have stock baffles in your mufflers and cannot create a public nuisance that is a disturbance to others.

The law is for the benefit of everyone involved. It is based on safety. When the law was written it was done so the children of our community, 14 years of age and older, could participate. If the law is abused by persons less than 16 years of age on a continuous basis, the Council could change it and require all operators have a “D Class” operator’s license. This would rule out anyone with an Instruction Permit being able to ride the machines on the roads. So, if you abuse it you could loose it. When you are operating a motor vehicle on the roadways you have a responsibility to obey the laws and not endanger yourself or others. Hopefully the parents of those kids with the machines will take an active part to insure we do not have anyone seriously injured or killed. I will be watching and I will be writing citations for those abusing the rules. We’re one of the very few communities that allow these machines on the roadways. We all should police this to assure we continue to enjoy this unique privilege.



