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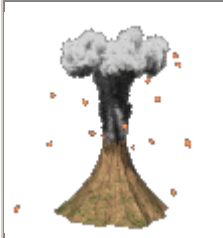
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Aleutian's Tasty Trip July 25



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➡ **Part 2 of the Aleutian PhotoStory has been delayed another week. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

Top Stories

AK Unofficial 2006 Primary Election Results

by *Tamara Blodgett*

Seldovia casts the most votes for its' district...

Seldovia cares about their elective rights! Seldovia had the greatest percentage of registered voters that cast their ballot on Election Day. Garnering 34.93% voter turnout, it was the highest in District 35.

There are 355 registered voters in Seldovia with 124 residents whom turned out to cast their ballots (excluding absentee both by mail and absentee cast at the city's office). The 355 registered voter number includes a small number of deceased and residents that no longer reside in Seldovia. With that factored in the overall number, our voter turnout would yield an even greater percentage. When asked about the responsive primary turnout, Election Chairwoman Savannah Lewis commented, "We had a surprisingly large turnout compared to pervious primaries."

[Click here for the complete statewide Primary Election results](#)

See how Seldovia voted

Votes per candidate for United States Representative

Marketplace



Come In, Browse, Have Fun!

Herring Bay Mercantile
Seldovia, AK



Jenny Chissus
234-8000

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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



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Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643



School

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Diane E. Benson (Dem.) **23**
Alexander Crawford (Lib.) **1**
Sol L. Gerstenfeld (Lib.) **0**
Todd Hyde (Dem.) **1**
Eva L. Ince (Grn.) **7**
Ray Metcalf (Dem.) **14**
Frank Vondersaar (Dem.) **2**
Don E. Young (Rep.) **41 (Winner statewide)**

Votes per candidate for Governor (C)

Eddie Burke (AI) **3**
Eric Croft (Dem.) **13**
Daniel DeNardo (AI) **1**
Tony Knowles (Dem.) **35 (Winner statewide)**
Bruce J. Lemke (Dem.) **0**
David M. Massie (Grn.) **1**
William S. Toien (Lib.) **0**
Don R. Wright (AI) **1**

Votes per candidate for Governor (Rep.)

John Binkley **18**
Gerald L. Heikes **1**
Merica Hlatcu **0**
Frank H. Murkowski **5**
Sarah H. Palin **42 (Winner statewide)**

Votes per candidate for Lieutenant Governor (C)

Ethan A. Berkowitz (Dem.) **29 (Winner statewide)**
Robert D. Mirabal (Lib.) **0**
Donald C. Olson (Dem.) **2**
Betty Rollins (Dem.) **10**
Kay L. Rollison (Dem.) **6**
Douglas L. Welton (AI) **5**

Lieutenant Governor (Rep.)

Sean R. Parnell **24 (Winner statewide)**
Jerry Ward **29**

Senate District R (C)

Charles E. Davidson (Dem.) **43**

Senate District R (R)

Gary Stevens **42**

House District 35 (C)

Anthony K. Sieminski (Dem.) **44**

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Paul Seaton **48**

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Measure NO.1-03DISC

Yes-93 (Winner statewide)

No- 25

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Measure NO.2-03CTAX

Yes-84 (Winner statewide)

No-38

It is a terrific fact that a small community like ours speaks with a collective "voice" to be heard in the most direct way possible. Let's hope for this kind of turnout in the upcoming election this October.

A Search For Roots Finds It's End In Seldovia

by Tamara Blodgett

The "Squeaky" wheel gets the grease...

A part of the very fabric of Seldovia, "Squeaky" (Carl E.) Anderson, has been resurrected for the purpose of remembrance. At one time a big name in Old-time Seldovia, with a street named in his honor, Squeaky did more than live here, but considered Seldovia to be his hometown.



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Corrections

▶ [None this week](#)



Squeaky Anderson: Photo courtesy of John & Dianne Gruber

Recently, I had the pleasure of "squiring about" Squeaky's daughter, Christine Bru. She was here with her husband, Frank, and their companion Wallace. She was anxious to come to the place her father had spoken so highly of and with great fondness and affection. Although Christine was only in 7th grade when Squeaky passed away, she remembers his stories of Seldovia with clarity. A rugged paradise filled with beauty and a desire to be one's own master.



Left to Right: Frank, Christine Bru, Wallace

Squeaky was born in Norway and later became a United States Citizen in 1915. His birthplace did not dampen his desire to serve his new country. Squeaky served in both World Wars. He was stationed in the Naval Reserve in Alaska in 1921. In 1931 he became both the captain and owner of the Polar Bear. He was known for sailing where other ships dared not go; Ketchikan to Wainwright, Seattle to Seward and beyond. He continued this until the end of 1932. He was also captain of the Starr. This vessel carried mail, freight and passengers.

In the late 1930's Squeaky operated fisheries and canneries in Seldovia and a fleet of boats. His company was named Seldovia Bay Packing Company. Squeaky built my residence and my next door neighbor's house. My personal residence was used as a bunkhouse in the 1940's and 50's for the fishery workers. During our home's renovation, some of the timbers in the ceiling joists had the name of this company stamped on them. We have saved a section for a keepsake and Ms. Bru was tickled to see it. Knowing her father wore so many hats during his tenure her in Seldovia was fun to discover.

From 1940-46 Squeaky returned to military service. Local born and raised Seldovia, Johnny Gruber, noted that his <Squeaky's> extensive experience with fishing, familiarity with the Aleutian Chain and surrounding areas made him a prime candidate to serve his country during time of war. He was older than some would have been but was pressed back into service because of his extensive geographical familiarity with the area. Always a patriot, he was pleased to serve his country. In the early years he was part of the Aleutian Patrol and Captain of Port at Dutch Harbor , Adak , Attu , Kiska, Gilberts, Marshalls , Japan , Iwo Jima and Okinawa . In 1946 Squeaky was released from active duty and returned to the fishing industry. Squeaky had other interests beside military service and fishing. He operated a short wave radio station called KWE 38, " The Voice of Squeaky..." in which his distinctive "squeaky voice" could be heard all around the peninsula.

In the late forties he became the President of the Alaska Seldovia Packers in Seattle . In 1948 he finished his career off in fine fashion by retiring as an Admiral in the United States Naval Reserve.

Subsequently, he spent his retirement in Seattle , Washington , while

summering in beautiful Seldovia. Squeaky passed away in the 1960's, but the legend lives on. His presence here can be remembered through his canneries, war service, radio program, contractor endeavors and civic presence.

I would like to thank Christine Bru, whom made this article possible by providing such detailed notes of the chronological events of Squeaky's life. Thanks for sharing the 'spice of Squeaky'.

HEA Power Outage Report

News Release

On Friday evening, a portion of the Seldovia, including Lake Street and the Eagle Run area experienced a power outage. Homer Electric Association was unable to get a crew over to Seldovia that evening due to the weather conditions in Homer. The following morning, an HEA crew responded to Seldovia and made repairs, restoring power to the majority of residents by 9:10 am on Saturday. The final repairs were completed Saturday afternoon.

On Monday, August 21, a crew clearing trees for HEA near Tutka Bay accidentally dropped a tree into the transmission line at approximately 1:10 pm. The incident set off a series of events that resulted in power outages in the area Monday afternoon.

Initial reports indicated the tree at Tutka Bay had cleared the line and there was no damage done to the facilities. However, when the line was re-energized, there was only partial power being delivered to Seldovia. This resulted in the stand-by generator being tripped off line. The generator tripped a second time before it was discovered that the transmission line at Tutka had been damaged and a phase was on the ground.

Adjustments were made and the standby generator was re-started and effectively provided power to the area until approximately 7:30 pm when an HEA crew was able to complete repairs the downed line at Tutka Bay .

Sen. Gary Stevens Interim Report August 2006

News Release

Hello again. It's great to be back in the district after several weeks away for the recent special session and other legislative business. This time away proved to be worthwhile as two significant pieces of legislation were approved.

Petroleum Profit Sharing Production Tax

On Saturday, August 19, the Governor signed into law the Petroleum Profit Sharing Production Tax (PPT) bill the Legislature passed the final day of the special session. One of the most significant pieces of legislation in state history, this new oil tax plan replaces the outdated ELF oil tax system, which was not serving the state well in the current era of high oil prices.

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

Special Notices

Deadline to file City Council Declaration of Candidacy

If you are interested in running for the Seldovia City Council, you must file the required forms with the Seldovia City Clerk by Sunday, September 3. Since the City Offices are not open on Saturday or Sunday, you must file your forms by 5:00 pm, Friday, September 1.

Click on the following links for additional information:

- [Candidacy Eligibility \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Declaration of Candidacy Form \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Other Required Election Forms](#)
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2006 Election Calendar

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

Date	Activity
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](#)
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Tidbits . . .

Our parting shot of Everett and Peggy Boscacci, long time Seldovia residents, as they board the Tusty and move to California. We'll miss you . . .



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

No report this week

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> Repeat Story <<

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.

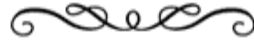
Three citations for "Negligent Driving" were issued following observations by the Police of three teenagers driving erratically on the Outside Beach Road. These citations were a direct result of a citizen's complaint informing the Police of this activity occurring. The reckless manner of operation, which 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 your 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.



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