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Aspiring Journalist Katie O'Leary

by Tamara Blodgett

SBE Sophomore pursues her dream...

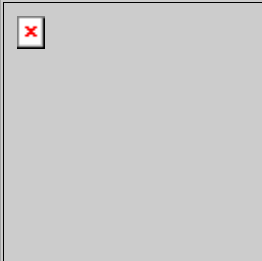
The Seldovia Gazette is pleased and proud to welcome new staff reporter Katie O'Leary into the Gazette fold. The Seldovia Gazette was short a school reporter due to the departure of former reporter and graduate Joy Smith. We were diligently pursuing a replacement to cover school events when Miss O'Leary made her interest in writing known to us.



Katie O'Leary • Photo courtesy of Tim O'Leary

School

▶ [Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - Click here](#)



Katie has been writing creatively for years and was excited about the opportunity to work for the Gazette. Having been home schooled exclusively for five years gave her the unique opportunity to hone her talents and aptitude in this area. Her mom, Lisa O'Leary saw early on that Katie had some talent in the written word and used their extra time together to encourage and school her on the basics so they would be automatic. When asked about her daughter's natural interest in writing, Lisa responded, "You know someone can write when they can come up with a full blown fiction story, all on their own, in sixth grade. That is truth, that is when I knew she could write." Katie has chosen to be enrolled in Susan B. English School for her high school career. An involved student both academically and athletically, she is the perfect choice to be at the events that would need to be covered and is pleased to do it.

Katie is especially good at giving a lot of "meat" to her stories. Her excitement and passion for school and her life are very transparent in her pieces. Katie mentioned that she thought the style of writing she does for the paper is a little more fun than the school essay format. It's been good for her to challenge herself in executing different styles so her work is diversified as a whole. This should help her in her studies at SBE, no small bonus.

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Katie has done 4-5 pieces for the Gazette so far and will be doing several articles in the future. Katie sees a future for herself going to the University of Alaska and possibly pursuing a degree in Journalism. She likes math equally as well, which may lure her into the accounting field (she noted that she likes money a lot!). Katie still has three years left to make the big decision.

Katie mentioned that what she likes best is finishing an important piece that was challenging to complete, going online, and seeing her finished work in print. She feels a sense of resolution and accomplishment. Katie said it is exciting for her dad, who works in Beluga every other week to see her articles online while he is away from his family. It is a unique way for the two to keep connected. Katie comes from a tight-knit family with them supporting her every step of the way, which has been a great affirmation to her and what she continues to accomplish.

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We at the Gazette look forward to working with Katie during the last vestiges of her childhood. She brings spark and freshness to the paper and keeps us in touch with the most important members of our community; the children!

KPB Boys & Girls Club Announcement

News Release

The Kenai Peninsula Boys and Girls Club organization announces that Laurel Hilts has been hired as our new Seldovia Unit Director. She started her new position on August 25.



Laurel Hilts is a long-time Seldovian and has previously been employed by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District as a teacher at Susan B. English School in Seldovia. She has a Masters of Arts in Elementary Teaching from the University of Alaska-Southeast in Juneau, and a Bachelor's Degree in Communication from Biola University in Los Angeles. Miss Hilts has worked actively in the community since her return to Seldovia in 2005.

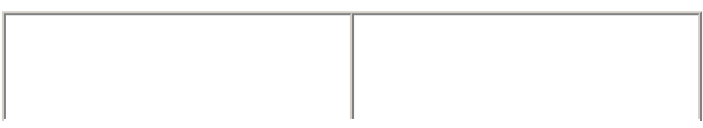
The Seldovia Boys and Girls Club is currently in the staff hiring stage. Until the staffing is secured and all employee paperwork processed, the Club will be unable to open. (See [Jobs](#), [Classifieds](#)) The Clubhouse hours will be posted as soon as it is possible. However, Power Hour will open effective September 5, Monday - Thursday, after school until 5 p.m.

For More Information Contact: Laurel Hilts at:
 Laurel Hilts * Seldovia Unit Director * P.O. Box 14 * Seldovia, Alaska 99663
 Phone (907) 234-7577 * Fax (907) 234-2004
 Email Address: [lhilts @positiveplaceforkids.com](mailto:lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com)

Cox/Chapdelaine Concert - Sat. Sept 2

Arts Council News Release

Doug Cox, songwriter, slide guitar and dobro (guitar with a metal resonator) player and Michael Chapdelaine, winner of both the Classical and Fingersyle guitar top competitions will be performing at a concert in Seldovia on Saturday, September 2.



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Doug Cox



Michael Chapdelaine

Doug plays festivals, clubs and concert halls across Canada, the U.S. and beyond. He has fronted many groups and worked as a sideman with Canadian bluesman Ken Hamm, American songwriter Chuck Brodsky, British Blues Icon Long John Baldry, and most recently, guitar string-bender Amos Garrett

Michael Chapdelaine is the only guitarist ever to win First Prize in the world's top competitions in both the Classical and Fingerstyle genres; the Guitar Foundation of America International Classical Guitar Competition and the National Fingerstyle Championships at the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival in Winfield , Kansas.

Don't miss this double treat!

Saturday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 at Susan B. English School Commons
\$15 adult, \$8 child (K-12) & \$35 family (parents and K-12 children)

Seldovia Bids June & Terry Reuling a Fond Farewell

By Tamara Blodgett

Passionate & civic-minded local leaves Seldovia...

After attending the Special City Council Meeting this morning I became aware of the Proclamation given to June Reuling by Mayor Dick Wyland for her honorable civic duty during the last 14 years. Councilman McInnes thought it would be a great idea to make a mention of her on her last day here in Seldovia and I couldn't agree more.



June and Terry Reuling at last years Booster Club Dinner/Auction

I have only met June on one occasion during a City Council Meeting and was struck by her self-possessed demeanor and her professionalism. Upon speaking with Paulie and John Carluccio, they had even more things to fill me in about Ms. Reuling.

Paulie Carluccio summed up June by stating matter-of-factly, "She and her husband both were the best friends a person could wish for and she was one of the finest people you would ever want to meet." Paulie and John elaborated that the couple was the first friends they ever met when they came to Seldovia 18 years ago. They were the ones that hosted them on more nights than they can count while the cabin construction was underway. Paulie said that June was a tireless, behind-the-scenes worker and was always there to lend a ready hand when someone needed help with anything.

During her working years, June held a pivotal position with Caterpillar Corporation. That experience was well used in her role as volunteer. She was very active in SOS here in Seldovia, then later became active in RCAC. She has been a protector and advocate in Seldovia for as long as she has lived here. June was not a limelight seeker, shunning accolades and preferring to pick up the slack wherever needed in her quiet and determined way. It is said that she did more than her share and felt good about anything that benefited Seldovia. We will miss June and bid her Adieu as she seeks her next adventure.

City Council Special Meeting - August 31

by Tamara Blodgett

Seldovia City Council convened together with the following members present: Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, and Gerry Patrick. Councilman Gain and Councilwoman Boscacci had excused absences. Councilwoman Boscacci's resignation becomes effective September 3rd. City Manager Kurt Reynertson was in attendance with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes. Mayor Wyland will be excused for this meeting and the remaining regular meetings during the month of September.

Proclamations

A Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Seldovia , Alaska , recognizing June Reuling for her service to the community of Seldovia.

This proclamation is given to Ms. Reuling in honor of her extended civic service here in Seldovia. Please see article on Ms. Reuling for details.

New Business

Resolution 07-03, Appointment of Election Judges

The regular election will be held on October 3, 2006 . An election chairman and 4 judges are appointed by the City Council by resolution.

The following appointments were approved unanimously:

Sara Nichols-Chairwoman/Judge
Mike Driscoll-Judge
Mary Webber-Judge
Mary Gillick-Judge
Helen Josefson-Judge

Action : Approved unanimously.

Contract Change of Terms-Request from J&S Services

J&S Services has requested that the City pre-pay the contract cost before delivery of the Harbor Gangway. After brief discussion, City Council Members unanimously agreed that the signed contract terms should remain unchanged. These terms specifically address delivery of Gangway first, with subsequent payment made to J&S Services as per the contract.

Informational Items Not Requiring Actions

For information purposes, City Manager Reynertson mentioned that the City would need to be represented in a meeting with Alaska Energy Authority, CE2 Contracting, and Seldovia Fuel and Hardware for a Pre-Construction Meeting. This meeting will take place on the 6th of September and will be a "everyone on the same page" meeting meant to inform and coordinate schedules for the upcoming fuel line replacement. Councilmen Glover and Keesecker said they would both attend for Reynertson, who will be unable to be there. Reynertson also mentioned that construction for new scaffolding for the fuel lines would begin this Sunday or Monday.

Next Regular Meeting: September 13, 2006
Meeting Adjourned: Time elapsed: 10 minutes.

Savoonga Dancers Visit Seldovia

News Release



Special Notices

KPB Hazmat Barge in Seldovia on September 8

The Hazmat Barge only comes to Seldovia ONCE A YEAR!

This year they will be in Seldovia at the boat harbor on September 8, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please call the Kenai Peninsula Borough at 262-9667 for more information.

Used oil, batteries, antifreeze, paint, chemicals, and other hazardous wastes. No explosives or radioactive wastes accepted. There is no fee for homeowners and small waste volumes from businesses. Businesses with more than 10 batteries and two 55-gal. drums will have to pay for management of any additional waste.

Contact Information Update for Susan Springer

Former Seldovia resident Susan W. Springer has asked that we post the following new contact information for her:

Susan W. Springer, SPO 1122, School of Theology, U. of the South
335 Tennessee Ave, Sewanee, TN 37383-0001
email: susanatseminary@gmail.com

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](#)

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](#)

Tidbits . . .

This 81.70 pound kohlrabi, by Scott Robb of Palmer, showed up at the Alaska State Fair this week and set a new world record. If you haven't seen the State Fair in Palmer, it's great and it runs through Monday, September 4 .



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Bids for the small boat harbor are due today (Thursday August 31, 2006) by 5 PM. Bid openings will be tomorrow (September 1st). 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 (target date for award is September 8th). During the construction time, some boats that remain in the harbor will have to be moved around to accommodate the work. At times, access to the harbor will be "harder", but there should be continual access throughout the project. The staging area for the AMHS will used as a lay down area for material used in the project.

Work on the installation of the new fuel lines to the tank farm will begin this weekend. Scaffolding will be erected under the city dock starting on Sunday or Monday. The fuel lines are phase I of the project which includes new fuel lines and new "day-tanks" for intermediate fuel storage. The next phase will be new fuel tanks themselves. They will be located in the same place they are now.

We are still waiting for the State inspectors to come and inspect the new elevator located in the community center. Obviously they have missed their original date, but there is little we can do. The last word I have is that they plan on being down to do the inspection in September.

I have been asked by the Chief of Police, and I fully support his request, to insure that everyone realizes that the best time to report a crime or the suspicion of a crime is immediately. There is little he can do if he is not made aware until hours if not days afterward. Also, if it is burglary or some other type of invasion, please do not contaminate the crime scene. It would be best

to lock it down while you contact the police. This will help insure the evidence remains intact and uncompromised. We take pride in our community and the fact that we can leave doors unlocked and keys in the car. If we want to continue this tradition we need to help out our one and only police chief whenever there is crime. Let's help Andy do his job.

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

A clamp, that secures two pieces of wood together, was stolen from the old cannery property when it was stored with other building materials at that location. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Police Department.

A motorist was locked out of her vehicle with it running in the area of 7 mile, Jakolof Bay Road. The Police responded and were able to gain access to the vehicle.

A teenager was warned about excessive speed on a 4-wheeler following his being clocked at 28 MPH in the City. The speed limit is 15 MPH in the City for all ATV's.

Police were called to assist a motorist who had locked their keys in a vehicle which had to board the ferry. A locksmith had been called and was making arrangements to come to Seldovia and unlock the vehicle when the Police arrived and succeeded in opening the door.

A dead black bear, which had floated onto the rocks in the area of Dock Street across from the City Office building, was removed and disposed of by City Maintenance and Police personnel. It was not determined how the animal died.

A teenager was stopped and warned when he was observed in excess of the speed limit on Jakolof Bay Road with his 4-wheeler. The speed limit is 25 MPH for the first mile and then is 35 MPH. The Police suggest the 4-wheelers not exceed 25 MPH on any of the roadways outside the City as a safety factor. If control were lost and a collision did occur the operator's life would certainly be in jeopardy. Drive slower and have control of the machine.

Warnings were given to riders of 4-wheelers who were observed accessing the trail between the Outside Beach Park and the RV Park. The road is posted for foot traffic only and unauthorized motor vehicles accessing the trail are in violation. A citation would result in a \$160.00 fine and 2 points being assessed to the operator's driver's license. A rather expensive shortcut, wouldn't you agree?

A report of explosions in an area outside of the City was reported and the investigation revealed a man was testing his black powder cannon, which he had built. The noise could be heard for miles. Upon contact by Police the tests were suspended.

A Mountain Bike, orange and silver in color, with no kick stand, a black seat and a spring attachment for a rear shock under the seat, was reported taken from the area of Main Street and Dock Street around noon on Saturday, 8/26. Anyone having information in this matter is asked to contact the Police at 234-7640.

After receiving reports of a dog running at large and nearly being run over because it would not move out of the roadway, Police contacted the owner and asked that he keep the dog contained.

Since last report the Police have Notarized 8 documents, Sealed 5 black bears, responded to a citizen's request for assistance, delivered one emergency message and have received numerous complaints about black bears on porches, in yards and sightings both inside and outside the City. One bear was shot when it attempted to gain entry to a residence through the screen door and another was shot when it was tearing into the green house that was attached to a residence. More and more we are being told the bears are not afraid of people. If we can be notified and can locate the problem bear we can discourage its presence and/or return to the area. If a bear is a threat we will put it down to avoid future contacts with our citizens. Call 911 or 234-7640 to contact the Police when the bear is sighted. We will respond and attempt to discourage the bear's presence or its return. We cannot do much if told the next day or at a later time.

I have been told that there are some people who feel the Police are not doing their job with respect to some of the recent crimes that have occurred in our area and that you feel it is do to relationships between myself and those involved. Let me assure you, I will not hesitate to charge anyone who is involved in a felony crime in our community. If I had the evidence to charge those involved it would have already taken place. Hearsay and conjecture does not convict a person in a Court of Law. It takes physical evidence. I have received a lot of good information from many different sources but those bringing the information forward wish to remain anonymous and not get further involved in the cases. I have to honor that anonymity, even if it means I can't charge in the case. There is considerably more to solving a case than knowing who was involved. I in no way wish to mitigate the importance of the information that is brought forward, as it is good information, I only wish to explain that with only that information we cannot prosecute those responsible for the crimes. It was suggested that the Alaska State Troopers should be brought in to investigate the case due to the relationships between myself and those involved. I certainly welcome any and all assistance but it doesn't change the need of physical evidence to prosecute a case. I do resent the implication that I would fail to prosecute a case due to relationships. I'm sure anyone making such a statement is either new in town or has a dislike for me personally. I have repeatedly had to prosecute persons related to me and others I called friend. To say otherwise is absurd.

