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Seldovia Throws Honorary Potluck

by Tamara Blodgett

Welcome-wagon & hearty "Thank you" rolled into one...

Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts threw a Potluck to welcome three, new incoming teachers to Susan B. English while also honoring former Unit Director Paul Chissus for his hard work with the B&G Club for the last four years.

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Seldovia, AK

Jenny Chissus
234-8000
Your Seldovia Connection
www.seldoviaproperty.com
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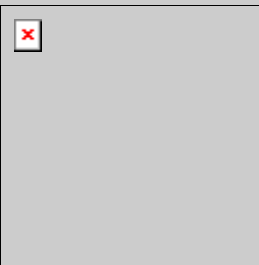
Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
Harbor Master (907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643



Past B&G Club Unit Director Paul Chissus and Present B&G Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts

School

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



The Potluck got off to a terrific start with strong attendance of both B&G Club supporters and an enthusiastic group to welcome the new teaching staff. New staff includes: Sherry Hingley, Damara Burnett, and Paul Chissus. Chissus has been a guest teacher for the past three years teaching such classes as Power Mechanics & Woodworking, amongst others. He applied for the Vocational Education position(s) that were offered for the 2006-07 season. Paul has begun teaching in his new permanent, part-time position as both Construction 1 & 2 and Digital Photo teacher. Damara Burnett is teaching the part-time Language Arts position and Sherry Hingley is teaching all subjects in grades 4th through 8th.

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▶ [Senator Gary Stevens May 10 Newsletter](#)

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Paul Chissus was and still is a well-liked teacher at SBE. The rapport he has with the B&G Club Members garnered through his time as UD has greatly assisted in making the transition from B&G Club UD to part-time teacher at SBE an easy one. When I asked Paul his thoughts on the potluck he replied, "It was great; awesome! It was great to see the support from the community."

Damara Burnett has substituted at SBE in prior school years and looked forward to teaching part-time at SBE. Burnett conveyed a real excitement about teaching Language Arts, a subject she loves. Sherry Hingley has made a big move coming to Seldovia from Montana and seems to really be up for the challenge of teaching the 4th through 8th grades. Hingley brings 25 years of teaching experience to Seldovia, a big bonus for Seldovians.

As with all Seldovian Potlucks' there is more food than a person can eat. With and attendance of 65-70, that is saying quite a bit! A decided plus to the evening was long-time resident Gerry Willard celebrating his birthday in fine style with good friends, new friends, and old ones'. Everyone was able to visit and we scooted out in the nick of time before Teen Night began at 9:00PM .

It feels good to be included in an old tradition. Hilts commented that this was a typical welcome when new teachers arrived in Seldovia. She can remember the potluck tradition from when she was raised in Seldovia as a child. Welcoming teachers in this way in the past, is a tradition she desires to

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continue in the future. That is what the fabric of a close community is all about.

City Council Meeting - Sept. 13 *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members: Tom Glover (as acting Chairman), Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, and Gerry Patrick. Councilman Keith Gain had an excused absence along with City Manager Reynertson and Mayor Dick Wyland.

Public Presentation Prior Notice

Stephen Lewis spoke about the upcoming quarterly meeting of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. This meeting will be held at the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center on Wed., September 20th from 12:30-4:00 . Agencies presenting at this meeting will include: Environmental Protection Agency, University of Alaska Fairbanks , NOAA/Kasitsna Bay Laboratory, and more. These presentations are open to the general public, everyone is welcome to attend.

For additional details, contact Amy Alderfer at (907) 226-4650

Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda

A member of the Public, Ron Turner came forward to expound on a topic he had brought before the Council in May of 2006. Mr. Turner has documented a level of ATV abuse around and near his property that breaches local curfew for noise and activity. He is concerned about the potential for harm that could happen to both riders *and* innocent bystanders. The parking area around the B&G Club and SBE Pool area is especially vulnerable because of child pedestrian traffic due to the nature of activities that take place in that vicinity. Turner emphasized that unauthorized ATV activity *does* take place in this area and that the potential for harm and the noise are illegal and intolerable. There has been trash and alcoholic beverage containers found in this same area. The gate that was installed to prevent this activity, among other things, is only one measure of prevention. Turner would like to see adequate police enforcement for this problem and has not had any responsiveness from the Police Chief in this matter. He would like to resolve this problem with the support of the City Council and implored them to take action. Mr. Turner had photos as evidence of the trash, alcoholic containers, and "arc-way" the riders have carved out of the side of the hill behind the school.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

A SOS Meeting was held on the 5th of September. A flatbed load of containment boom came from Homer to Seldovia as additional boom for SOS. This load is being held at the old cannery site. There will be Boom and Skinner Training on the 22nd by the DEC. A new board director is needed for SOS; this is a volunteer position.

Chamber of Commerce: Next meeting will be on October 5th.

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Corrections

► [None this week](#)

There will be a **Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Meeting** that is open to the public. This 2-day meeting will be held on September 18-19 at the Land's End Resort in Homer. These meetings will last most of the day with the exception of the time needed to discuss some matters in executive session. Chairman Stephen Lewis emphasized there are two issues that directly affect Seldovia. One is the use of disbursements. Historically, the Council has taken a stance against the use of disbursements. There are new technologies that are being developed that would remove the oil from the water post-spill, rather than 'scatter it about.' Secondly, there is a push by shippers to reduce the number of escort tugs in the system.

17B Trails Committee, Planning & Zoning Committee, Parks and Recreation and Arts Council have nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

Regulation Regarding Building Height Limitation (MCINNES)

Building height is currently at 28' with a maximum of 2 and one half stories. This needs to be changed to reflect the intent of the Councils' wishes which will be reflected with a new ordinance to reflect the height as 32' with a maximum of 2 and one half stories. It was determined through Council discussion that the City Manager would be directed to produce an ordinance that spells out the height and limitations as discussed by the Council and as approved and recommended by the P&Z Commission.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Small Boat Harbor Renovation

At the last City Council Meeting, a subcommittee consisting of Tom Glover and Tom Keesecker was established in order to work with Jay-Brant General Contractors, LLC to come up with a preliminary de-scoping proposal for the Seldovia Small Boat Harbor Renovation Project in order to bring the Contractors low bid in line with the available funds. Results of the meeting with the contractor were discussed in a City Council Executive Session and after the Council exited the Executive Session, a motion was made to instruct the City Attorney to create a Letter of Intent to award the construction bid for the Seldovia Small Boat Harbor Renovation Project to Jay-Brant General Contractors, LLC contingent on de-scoping portions of the project to match available funds.

Action: Approved unanimously.

The next step in the process is for Jay-Brant to revise their bid according to instructions from the Seldovia City Council and then meet with the Council subcommittee and Seldovia City Manager again to come up with a final proposal. On approval of the revised bid, the City Council would then formally award the bid for the project.

New Business

Resolution 07-04, Supporting a VISTA Member Position

In order for the City of Seldovia to qualify for a new VISTA member for the New Year 2007, a Resolution supporting the request is required. Once the City has been notified of the approval, an individual to fill the position will be hired.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 27,2006

Adjournment: Time elapsed: 33 minutes, 33 seconds (Excluding Executive Session)

Students Begin Work to School Program

by Dustin Baines

Four students of Susan B English have been hired by Seldovia Village Tribe as part of the Seldovia Economic Expansion Project. The students are Dustin Baines, Naomi Gallien, Tatiana Gruber and Levi West-Harkness. Their main objective will be marketing, research, and promotion. They will report to the new Marketing and Project Director, Rosanna McInnes.



From left to right, Dustin Baines, Tatiana Gruber, Levi West-Harkness, and Rosanna McInnes (not pictured- Naomi Gallien)

The team will have the opportunity to promote Seldovia at the Kenai Peninsula Marketing Tourism Council Conference next week. They also help run the Seldovia Conference Center . The facility offers a great way to get people together for parties, class reunions, formal dinners, or business meetings. Our 2,400 square foot conference center can hold any of your desired events and even offers a special rate for locals .

If the SEE Project can assist you with your meeting or help promote your local business at upcoming conferences, please contact us at 234-7859 or via email SEE@svt.org .

Paul Comolli's Latest Chainsaw Carving

Earlier this week we received some photos of Paul Comolli's latest chainsaw carving titled "Marine Corps Bear". For those of you who don't remember Paul, he was one of the contestants in Seldovia's Chainsaw Carving Contest last Memorial Day weekend. Paul's carving from the Seldovia contest is stationed outside the Public Library door in the Seldovia Multi-Purpose Building. Paul says "Please share with all your patriotic friends this 911 to show them how Alaskans show their support!"





Raisins and Grapes Can Be Harmful to Dogs

This one's not a myth . . . read on dog owners

Grapes and raisins are potentially lethal to dogs within a few hours of eating them. These food products cause acute renal (kidney) failure and the amount eaten can vary widely from a single serving to over a pound.

Another serious offender is chocolate, cocoa, onions and macadamia nuts!

[Click here to read the complete article on snopes.com](#)

Special Notices

Boys & Girls Club Schedule

- Power Hour: Mondays - Thursdays from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Tuesday - Fridays from 3:15 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night: Fridays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Any question, contact:
 Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia
 234-7577 office
 234-2004 fax
 lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

AARP Driver Safety Program Nets You a Discount

Many people in Seldovia have taken this class in the past and will be needing to update their certificates. Also there may be some who will want to take the class for the first time. I was an instructor for many years and have recently given up doing this. We just do not have enough people to warrant going through the yearly updating for staying current. The following is a viable alternative

The AARP Driver Safety Program is now offering an online version so you can take the course in the comfort of your home. Before this the class was an 8 hour course given by a certified instructor. Some may know it as "55 Alive Class". It is a course in driver safety for those 50 years and older. Insurance companies typically offer a discount to those who send them a copy of a certificate of completion of the course. People will have to check with their insurance company and ask them how much of a discount they give. It varies from 5-10% usually.

The class is a review of what is in the driver's handbook that is available at the DVM. It is a simple, fun course offering a good review of what we had to know when we were first licensed to drive. Currently the certificate has to be renewed every 3 years. Some day hopefully this will go to 5 years.

The web site is: www.aarp.org
[Click here to visit the site](http://www.aarp.org)

Or take the class in Homer at 4300 Bartlett St, Homer, AK, 99603-7005
 Sponsor: South Peninsula Hospital, (907)235-0665
 Class Days: Sat 09/30/2006 09:00 am
 Languages: English Instructor: Mrs Helen F Watson

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 . . .

[We looked out the window last week and discovered that something was looking back!](#)

**City Manager's Corner***by Kurt Reynertson***>> No report this week <<****Seldovia Police Report** *by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police*

In my previous report I mentioned a bike that was taken from the area of Main Street and Dock Street. Since that report the bike has shown up again. Thanks for returning the man's property.

A local citizen was contacted following reports of their exercising their dogs on Jakolof Bay Road from a vehicle. The complainant stated they nearly had a head on collision with another vehicle when they swerved on a corner to avoid hitting one of the animals. If an accident did occur and injuries or, God forbid, death did occur, the owner of the animal would be held responsible for the accident and serious consequences could result. It's not a good practice to run animals from a moving vehicle in that you are endangering others as well as the animals you are exercising.

A child's push scooter was found in the bushes near the School Shop area. The owner can claim it at the Police Department.

Police were called to discourage a black bear's presence when it was found to be resting near a resident's porch. The bear was stung with a projectile in an effort to discourage its presence and, upon being hit, the bear climbed a tree where it stayed until later in the evening. It then left the area and no reports have been received regarding its return to the area. The bear was thought to be the same bear that has been reported in the area on decks and peering through glass doors into residences.

Police responded to assist EMT's when a call of a possible heart attack was reported. The patient was medi-vaced to Homer following being examined by EMTS and the Doctor.

A person, or persons, damaged the fence at the Seldovia Landfill after shooting a bear at that location. It was evident that a 4-wheeler had been used to go over a fence to drag the bear out of the landfill. Anyone having any information regarding this incident is asked to call the Police Department.

A boat trailer, which had been stored in the area adjacent to the commercial boat haul out, was reported stolen. It was left in that area approximately 3 months ago and the owner could not find it when he needed it for removing a boat from the water. It is described as a flat trailer with three boards for runners and it has no winch. The post the winch usually bolts to is reported to be green in color. Anyone having any information regarding the where-a-bouts of the trailer is asked to contact the Police Department.

A Chevrolet Suburban was stolen from the airport parking lot sometime over the Labor Day weekend. The vehicle was driven to an area near 4 mile, Jakolof Bay Road, and backed into the bushes for, what appeared to be, later use. The vehicle owner was contacted and told the Officer he had not given anyone permission to use the vehicle and that his keys had been kept in the vehicle. Another set of keys was mailed to the Police and the vehicle was returned to town. The vehicle was processed for evidence and then returned to the airport. Anyone having information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Police Department.

A report of damage sustained to a window when a vehicle spun around throwing rocks was taken by Police. No discernable tracks could be located but the spin marks were very evident. The incident occurred outside of town in the vicinity of 1 mile, Jakolof Bay Road.

Police were informed of the theft of a 4-wheeler over the Labor Day weekend. Investigation into the incident resulted in a juvenile being charged with the theft and the case being referred to the Office of Children's Services, (OCS), in Homer.

The report of a large bear being aggressive in the Barabara Heights Subdivision was received. The bear had charged a lady and her dog when they were walking in the area. On other occasions it would set and watch the people from a distance. If the bear is spotted again the Police will be notified and deterrent methods will be used to discourage the bear's presence.

Police responded to locate an 8 year old youngster who ran away from his home. The boy was not in agreement with his mother's wishes and decided he was leaving. Police located the child and returned him to his mother.

The Police were contacted following an alleged assault by one child on another. The matter was handled informally by the parents of the children after Police had contact with those involved. The incident will be kept on file and referred to in the future if any further assaults are reported.

The report of an open door to a local residence was taken. Investigation revealed the owner of the home had been gone for a few days and was sure the door was locked when he left. A light that was on had not been on when the man left the home. The Officer was asked by the owner to check on certain items he feared could have been taken but they were found still in the residence. Upon his return the owner will check further to see if anything is missing. No evidence of forced entry was found by the Police but the door

could have been opened without force being evident.

A man was warned about the dumping of tree limbs at the Outside Beach Park after he stated he told the Officer he knew who had dumped them. He was told that "Littering" charges will result in this type activity.

A complaint was called in regarding the amount of garbage that is let accumulate at the Jakolof Bay Harbor. The caller was concerned about bears getting into the garbage and then becoming nuisance bears. The caller stated they live in the area near the harbor and are having enough bear problems without garbage becoming an enticement. The caller reportedly hauled 7 bags of garbage from the area on two different occasions. They were told the Police would address the problem with the Department of Transportation, (DOT). The caller was informed that the DOT representative was out of town, on vacation, but did a very good job of taking care of the garbage when he was working. The Officer wrote a letter to DOT requesting bear proof containers be placed in the area which would keep any bears from accessing the garbage and, as a result, the bears would not become garbage bears. Hopefully they, too, will see this as a problem.

A lady called and reported she had left a back pack at Red Mountain and asked that anyone finding it turn it into the Police. It only contained clothing but she would like to get it back.

Two transport permits were issued following a request by a local contractor for moving explosives from the airport to his powder magazine. The explosives were moved without incident.

A man called 911 to report 4-wheelers making noise behind SBE School late at night. The Officer responded and contacted 3 juveniles who were leaving the Boy's & Girl's Club on 4-wheelers after the Club had closed. They told the Officer they only started the machines and left the area and were not aware they were disturbing anyone. The adult overseeing the Boy's & Girl's Club activities was also contacted and stated the kids only started the machines and left the area and were not speeding or doing anything other than leaving the area. The lady was asked if she would ask that the kids leave the area as quiet as possible when activities are over at the Club. She said she would talk to the kids who own the machines. Calls after hours reporting this type of complaint should be made to the Homer Police number of 235-3150 instead of 911, as they aren't classified as being emergent in nature.

Persons were reportedly making loud noises late at night when walking down the street. The complainant asked that they quiet down as they had guests staying at their B&B. Someone in the party made a snide remark and the party continued on. In approximately an hour those involved were again walking by the complainant's home and were shouting and making loud noises intentionally. This constitutes "Disorderly Conduct" and is a Misdemeanor offense. The following is a description of the law:

AS 11.61.110. Disorderly Conduct.

(a) A person commits the crime of Disorderly Conduct if,

(1) with intent to disturb the peace and privacy of another not physically on the same premises or with reckless disregard that

the conduct is having that effect after being informed that it is having that effect, the person makes unreasonably loud noise.

(Disorderly Conduct is a Class "B" Misdemeanor carrying a maximum sentence of 10 days in jail and a \$1000 fine, or both.)

A local citizen reported suspicious activity by persons in a wooded area adjacent to his home, after he heard strange noises. He yelled out to them asking what they were doing and they told him they were doing tests. With it being dark the complainant was somewhat suspicious and called the Police to investigate. Upon arrival by the Police the persons in the wooded area left rapidly and could not be identified.

A man who had parked his boat on his property next to his home and then left for three weeks returned to find 30-40 gallons of gasoline had been taken from the vessel in his absence. Anyone having any information in this matter is asked to call the Police Department.

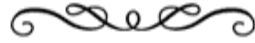
On two separate occasions a person or persons have attempted to gain entry to the Main Street Market. Thus far their efforts have not been successful. If persons are observed to be in that area late at night the Police should be notified.

A cat was brought to the Police Department by a lady who had picked it up at the airport. The owner was located and the cat was picked up. The Officer was told the cat often visits the airport where it likes to hunt.

Since last report the Police have sealed one black bear, (Police know of 30 bears taken this season thus far), assisted the Maintenance Department in pulling 6 boats out of the water and putting them into storage, notarized 9 documents and provided assistance to a person in need of help.

With the continued theft and attempted entries in our area it is important that all of us work together to bring this activity to a halt. We have prided ourselves in that we have lived in an area where we do not have to lock up everything we own. In an attempt to stop this criminal activity I, once again, call on the public for help and ask that you call the Police when someone is observed in an area they have no reason to be in or are involved in illegal activities. It is suggested that motion sensor lights be installed to discourage people's presence in areas of concern and, if possible, cameras be installed to gather evidence that will be prosecutable in Court. I still feel the community will be what you, the citizens, make it. The Police enforce the laws but without the community support and the receipt of information we become only reactive, responding to problems after the fact. Get us there during the incident and we can hold those violating the laws accountable. Are you worried about drugs in our community or alcohol and/or drugs being furnished to the teenagers of our community? If so, you should be sharing your knowledge and observations with the Police. When you see a violation of the law and you do nothing to prevent it, you too become part of the problem. By not reporting it you are enabling it to continue. It is easy to criticize the Police for not keeping these type activities from occurring but you could be the key to ending a lot of what is taking place if you would only call and share what information or observations you have. Do it in a timely manner so the evidence can be gathered right away. Step up and take a stand against the criminal activity in

our area. We all suffer by not becoming part of the solution.



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