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Seldovia Sea Otters Score Big in Seward!

by Tamara Blodgett

Wrestlers are "King of the Mountain"

The Seldovia Sea Otters performed well at the King of the Mountain Wrestling Meet held this last weekend in Seward. Freshman Matt Gain placed 6th, with Sophomore Jordan Geagel and Junior Harold Haynes both placing 5th for their respective weight divisions.



Within the group, pictured above-- two on right --Freshman Matt Gain and Junior Harold Haynes

Coach Blodgett mentioned that competing against the large, 4-A schools makes a difference in placement. Factoring out the 4-A schools would

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have placed Geagel in 3rd, with Haynes taking 2nd. As an exciting footnote, Blodgett said, “ All of the previous tournaments we usually finish with 2 losses, this time we only had one loss to receive their placement in the tournament.” Overall, Blodgett is “pleased with the teams progression.”



Within the group, pictured above---Freshman Matt Gain and Sophomore Jordan Geagel

School

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



Journeying to Barrow today...

Blodgett and the Otters are keyed up in preparation for travel for the invitational meet. The Otters were one of three schools invited to travel to Barrow for this meet lasting from Thursday through Saturday. Blodgett emphasized, “ We’re grateful for the invite from Barrow to have us come up north and wrestle in the icebox!” The team will bring extra gear in anticipation of the sub-zero weather that is typical of the region. Good luck Sea Otters!

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Tide Pool Expansion

by Tamara Blodgett

Local favorite “grows”...

Year-round Seldovia Tide Pool restaurant is getting a much-needed two-story space addition. Foreman Matt Gallien is handling the addition and was the “lone soldier” as lunchtime approached today. When asked how the project is progressing, Gallien commented, “ The going is slow because of the cold weather.” Seldovia is seeing unseasonably cold weather for this time of year. Low’s reaching the single digits during the night and often going into the day with a high of *nine degrees*. This cold weather is an expected occurrence in other regions of Alaska, but here in the “banana belt,” we typically see averages between 16 and 36 degrees during the winter months.

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Tide Pool Restaurant is in front of the Police Car, the new extension view is facing the street.

Gallien is busy finishing up the first floor exterior walls, with the interior to follow. Next he will put up the floor joists for the second floor; weather permitting! Seldovia can't wait to get the extra space in this terrific local café.



View from the harbor side of the Tide Pool's expansion project. Windows are not cut out yet.

HEA Storm Repair Update

News Release 11/14/06

Homer Electric Association crews are continuing to make repairs to equipment that was damaged in Monday's wind storm. As of Tuesday morning, the majority of HEA members do have power. However, scattered outages still exist in the Nikiski area, Kenai, Soldotna, and Kasilof.

HEA crews will work today on these outages and hope to have the system fully restored by the end of the day. The wind storm hit the north end of the HEA service territory especially hard. A steady 40 mph wind along with gusts of more than 60 mph blew trees in power lines throughout the evening. Several major electric circuits were knocked off line, including ones that serve Sterling, the K-Beach Road area, and Kasilof. At one point on Monday evening, approximately 11,000 HEA members were without electricity.

site.

Corrections

▶ None this week

On the south end of the system, there were scattered outages, mostly in the Old Sterling and Anchor Point area. In Seldovia, power was switched over to the standby generator Monday night due to problems with the main transmission line. Despite the severe weather conditions, HEA crews were able to repair most of the damage as they worked through Monday night and into Tuesday morning. As of 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, HEA estimates that approximately 500 members are still without power. If you do not have power at this time, please call HEA's reporting line at 1-888-8OUTAGE.

As a safety reminder, please stay away from any downed power lines. If you see a downed line, move away from the area and contact Homer Electric at 1-888-8OUTAGE.

UPDATE: "We got a crew over to take a tree of the line and Seldovia is back on normal service. Not so lucky up here. We are still working to get everyone back....it's slow going due to all the damage and the wind is starting to pick up again after a pretty calm day." HEA -J. Gallagher

Fuel Line Replacement Fights Cold by Tamara Blodgett

Phase I continues...

Local labor force continues to fight the unseasonably cold weather against the winter time clock for fuel line replacement. Foreman Bob Zietler commented, "That the colder than normal weather makes necessary digging nearly impossible."





Zietler said progress is slowed by this and other factors beyond their control. However, workers have managed to finish the road-boring across Main Street and have made good progress building new supports for pipe underneath the dock. Despite the weather, Seldovian workers have worked six days a week to stay on schedule against adverse circumstances. Phase II (fuel tank replacement) is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2007.

Boys & Girls Club Update

News Release

"The Seldovia Boys & Girls Club will be smelling delicious this weekend as kids do a lot of baking in the building. Today marks the National Bread Day, and Club members are invited to come to the Clubhouse after school to make a loaf of bread, and most importantly sample it. We will have special guest bakers in-house to make sure the kids learn the right techniques. If you are up at the school for the volleyball games, stop by the Clubhouse to sample the bread.





Cooking up something good! (Learning skills that will last a lifetime.)

On Saturday night, the teens are invited to gather to make their own Junkyard Pizzas (7th - 12th graders only). They will be bringing the ingredients and the Club staff will provide the dough and sauce. What comes out of the oven will be the teens' own concoction. After everyone has filled their stomachs with pizza, we will throw a sugar cookie pizza in the oven for desert. The Teen Pizza Night will start at 7:00 and end at 10:00 p.m.

Each Monday, Club members have another chance to fill their bellies. This past week, Monty Hingley taught our kids how to make fine French toast. With the added cinnamon, milk, eggs and butter, the breakfast delicacies quickly disappeared into the mouths of the willing tasters. Next Monday, members will learn how to make Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup.



Winter fun! Nothing compares to those days of youth and snow!

If you are making plans for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, keep Saturday afternoon open for a giant sledding party, weather permitting. We will all gather at the airport for an afternoon of fun, with hot chocolate and cookies provided to give you the energy you need to get back up the hill. Kids of all ages are welcome, so adults - that means you are included, too. Be looking for more information around town next week as the day draws near.

Many people have asked how they can help the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club.

Here are some of the many ways you can: 1. Become a Clubhouse volunteer by signing up for one day a month to come in and help out with our activities; 2. Sign up to coach an elementary intramural basketball team on Saturdays; 3. Provide nutritious snacks for the kids at the Clubhouse; 4. Purchase items from our Club Wish List to enhance the programming we do; 5. Become a financial sponsor of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club through annual donations or by purchasing needed items as the events occur; and 6. Join our Resource Committee to help advance the sustainability of the Club. No matter the level of involvement you have in the Boys & Girls Club, everything you do contributes to the overall well-being of our community's program for the children now and for future kids to come.

If you would like more information about partnering with the Seldovia B&G, click on this link to contact Unit Director Laurel Hilts and we will get things started. lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com"

Memorial Bench - Marillyn Giles *by Alex Engman*

Dear Friends,

I have set up a foundation under Marillyn's name (Marillyn Giles Fund) to have a bench dedicated in her memory. The cost for the bench (including installation) is \$3200 so once donations get close to that amount, we'll be able to set a dedication (and installation) date, hopefully in the spring sometime ... possibly around her birthday, April 14. Please pass the word about this memorial fund to anyone who is not included on this list. We will also be able to select a site for the bench and I'm thinking somewhere overlooking the Inlet and the Alaska Range, near the Coastal Trail. We'll have a "Friends of Marillyn's" site selection hike maybe ending with lunch somewhere ... but we can talk more about that later. I'll contact her principle at Scenic Park school with the info and, if you would, please let anyone else who knew and loved her know about this fund.

Here's the link to the site - [Click here . . .](#) (you might need to copy and paste it into the internet address line). There are several email addresses I don't have, including Cinnamon's, but I've talked to her about this and she thought it would be fitting tribute to her mother. Donations can be made by calling the Anchorage Park Foundation (Beth Nordland - 343-4492) and she'll take credit card info. They also have envelopes which can be used for checks ... Let me know if you have any other questions or need other information.

Marillyn had recently taken a walk with her friend, Marilyn, and they walked by a bench that sits near my home on Bannister Drive, in Rogers Park. That was the first Anchorage Park Foundation memorial bench and it was dedicated to my friend, Murphy Turner. She called and asked if that was for my friend Murphy and she said she thought that was such a beautiful thing to do and the location was perfect. If you want to see it, it's at the end of Meadowlane (meadow-something) Drive off of No. Lights, between Lk. Otis and New Seward Highway. Take the trail and once the entry trail joins the main trail, the bench is just to the right, off the main trail, next to the creek - it's a very peaceful and serene setting.

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 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night by SVT Prevention Program: Fridays 9:00 p.m. - midnight

PARENTS: The Clubhouse staff has implemented "Club Cash" rewards for members exhibiting great behavior, helpfulness, and also for each member completing a craft. The kids need to save those CC's and bring them to the Club at the start of each month to purchase small prizes and/or bid on bigger ones!

Any question, contact:
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 234-7577 office
 234-2004 fax
 lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

The Chamber of Commerce needs your recipes!

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce is doing another Seldovia Cookbook. If you have that special recipe you would like to include, please contact Joni Reynertson at 234-5500.

Tidbits . . .



What is it?

Is it a truss, a frame for a plane, a tunnel, or...?

If you are a Seldovian, you know!

New Ramp for the harbor renewal project

City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> *No report this week* <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

Police responded after receiving a report of a green, or blue, flare had been sighted in Kachemak Bay off Seldovia Bay. The Alaska State Troopers were alerted and they, in turn, alerted the US Coast Guard. Police glassed the waterway from the Outside Beach Park but no sightings of any vessels or any other lights were observed. The blue or green flare is usually used for training purposes or military exercises but we feel it is necessary to respond to insure no one is in harms way. No reports were later taken of anyone with a problem.

A message was left on the Police voice mail regarding a dog being at large in the area of the Post Office. The owner was contacted by Police following receipt of the message and told of the report. The owner stated he did not know his dog was gone and had received a call informing him of the dog's where-a-bouts and he immediately responded and picked up the animal. He was given a verbal warning as his dog had not been observed or reported at large within the last 2 years.

A message was left on the Police voice mail reporting verbal threats being made toward the son of the complainant. The suspect was contacted by the Police and told of the report. He stated he had not threatened the boy but had argued with him following his having made derogatory comments about himself and his dog. He denied any threats were uttered. He was advised to refrain from any statements that could be construed as a threat and to avoid contact if they could not get along. For the time being it seems that the problem has been defused.

Police were asked to take a series of photographs of the Harbor Master's Office building following an oil leak from the furnace that could have damaged the building. Digital photographs were taken both inside and in the crawl space of the structure. The photographs were sent to City Hall as requested.

An angry lady reported two of the tires on her vehicle were punctured while it was parked on Shoreline Drive. The crime occurred around the last of October. The front tire was punctured numerous times while the back tire only had been punctured one time. Investigation continues in this matter.

The new ramp for the Harbor received damage to the handrail in shipping and the Police were asked to take photographs of the damage. The photographs were taken and forwarded to the City Clerk.

A local man came to the Police Department asking that a citation for "Failure to Carry and Show Proof of Insurance", which he had received from the Alaska State Troopers, (AST), be corrected. His insurance company faxed proof to the Seldovia Police Department that he did, in fact, have the insurance at the time of the contact with the AST Officer. After having received the proof the Police corrected the citation.

Police observed a vehicle slide through the Stop Sign leaving the SBE School onto Winifred Avenue. The subject was stopped and questioned regarding his failure to stop at the sign. He told the Officer he hit ice and could not stop and slide through the intersection. He was told to slow down as he had approached the stop sign too fast. He was given a verbal warning and told to approach the signs at a slower speed. Had another vehicle been nearing the intersection at the time, an accident would most probably have occurred.

Alex Chartier brought two visitors from Homeland Security to visit with the Police regarding an "Emergency Preparedness Plan" in the event of a catastrophic event in the Seldovia area, both inside and outside the City. They were gathering information regarding the creation of such a plan for both the City of Seldovia and the Seldovia Village Tribe. After the meeting the Police showed the two around the Seldovia and Jakolof Bay areas to give them a

better feeling for the population to be served as well as the terrain we would be dealing with in such a catastrophe. It is felt they left the area with more understanding and positive feedback from those they contacted. Hopefully we will receive assistance from the Federal Government in the creation of such a plan.

Jeff Snedgen reportedly lost an 8' orange fiberglass step ladder in the Jakolof Harbor parking lot area. The ladder has his name on one side and his company name, Timber Wolf Construction, on the other. If located please get it to Jeff or drop it by the Police Department.

A report of and injured eagle in the area of the Seldovia Airport resulted in an immature eagle being captured and shipped to the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge in Homer. The bird's wing had been nearly severed and it had no use of the wing. It is still unclear how the injury was sustained.

Let me again suggest that we take an extra few minutes in the morning to make sure our windows are free of frost or snow before heading out. Most winter clothing is dark in color and the people walking are difficult to see, at best. Let's don't take the chance of hitting anyone simply because we didn't take that extra few minutes to clear the windows.

It is also a good practice to run with our headlights on during the early morning and late evening hours. Headlights alert others of your presence and we see vehicles sooner when they are running with the lights illuminated. It doesn't cost anything more to run them and it could be the difference between having an accident and avoiding one.

I've seen a big decrease in dogs running at large in the City. I appreciate your taking the responsibility of caring for your dog and seeing that it is not out running. We will continue to enforce the Animal Control Laws so please continue to keep your animals up.

Police have notarized 4 documents and responded to 2 requests for assistance since last report.

