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## Top Stories

### Sea Otter Wrestlers Go to State! *by Tamara Blodgett*

*Seldovia's boys' go the distance...*

In an unprecedented event, The Seldovia Sea Otter Wrestling Team has advanced 6, out of their 7-man team to move on to the Alaska State Tournament held in Wasilla. The boys' performed tremendously well at Regions held in Seward. Junior Harold Haynes and Sophomore Jordan Geagel placed 2 nd, Junior Timmy O'Leary, first-year wrestler and Sophomore Oren Kroll, and Freshmen Derek Burt and Matthew Gain placing 3rd. This is a step up from last year's performance of 2 wrestlers advancing to state out of 4.

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100% of the weight classes represented by the Otters' advanced. The one Otter that did not advance had suffered ankle injury just days before Regions. Junior Tyler Tucker will travel with the team as Team Manager in a show of sportsmanship and team spirit; the boys' don't want it any other way!

*Travel, travel, and then more travel...*

The team departs Seldovia Thursday morning on its way up north to Wasilla. The Seldovia Native Association CEO, Mike Beal, has continued his commitment to the youth of Seldovia by once again donating the Dimond Center Hotel as a place to lodge both the boy's wrestling team and the girl's volleyball team (also state contenders). The excitement of dual teams going



to state has not been lost on the extended family of Seldovia that live in Anchorage and other outlying areas. Excitement in and outside of our community is riding high! After Friday's and Saturday's meets', the boys will trek back to the hotel to rest for the next day's challenges on the mat! Our kids return on Sunday and what a way to end a season!

*Not just another coach...*

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Coach Blodgett is passionate about wrestling and feels strongly that the sport promotes physical fitness as well as mental commitment and follow-through. The attributes these boys' gain through teamwork and as individuals will serve them well in their future adulthood. Blodgett is ecstatic about the Otters' advancement and commends their hard work. Regions recognized Blodgett's dedication by awarding him the prestigious Kachemak Conference Coach of the Year Award. Good job boys! Good job coach!

**Otter Volleyball Goes to State!***by Katie O'Leary*

The Seldovia Sea Otter Volleyball Team attended the 2006 Region II 2A Borealis Conference (AKA Regions), on Thursday, November 30th and Friday December 1st, 2006. The Sea Otter girls traveled north to Regions held in Nenana, Alaska; located about an hour and thirty minutes south of Fairbanks. That is an eleven- hour drive from Homer, Alaska. Due to the length of travel, the girls' left on Tuesday, drove to Anchorage, where they stayed overnight. The following day the girls' headed to Nenana.

The one team that the Otters' had not beaten was the Tok Wolverines! When the Otters' strode out on that court they had one mission, BEAT TOK! The match started and the girls played their hearts out taking the game 3-1. This win not only admitted the team into the championship game but also guaranteed the Sea Otter Girls Team a place at the 1A-2A-3A Alaska State Championship Tournament. Only the top three teams from our conference are permitted to go.

The win led the girls to the next day with great confidence and the attitude of winners into the championship match against the Kenny Lake Hawks. The Hawks' also came in with a winning attitude and beat the Sea Otters for first place 3-0. Usually this would mean the end of the tournament. The winner taking first and the loser taking second, however, this tournament bracket was set up just a little bit differently. The loser of the game had to play the team that made their way back up through the loser bracket, which, of course had to turn out to be.....none other than the Tok Wolverines!

Playing a second game against the Tok Wolverines meant the Otters' knew this would not be an easy match. When the match started the Wolverines began with a feeling of power, after the win they just had against the Su-Valley Rams. Unfortunately for the Sea Otters they lost their match with Tok.

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### Corrections

► [Cameren Blodgett's first name was misspelled in last week's issue of the paper.](#)

In the end the Sea Otter Girls' placed third in the region, which means the Otters' travel to state! During the award ceremony the All Academic Team was announced. This recognizes the girls from each team who not only work hard at sports, but also at academics (by keeping a 4.0 grade point average). The Sea Otters' had two players on the All Tourney Team; Seniors Naomi Gallien and Jennifer Giles.

Next, the Otters' play their first game at the state tournament on Thursday, December 7th, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. against Klawock. Good Luck Girls!

## Edwina Scrooge's Christmas at Susan B. English

by Tamara Blodgett

### *SBE's High School Drama class gender-bends a classic...*

This last Monday the 4th SBE Drama teacher and SBE Principal Curtis Liberty treated the community to an adaptation of Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol" into a female-lead scrooge in this inventive Christmas play. Sophomore Katie O'Leary played Scrooge as Edwina with aplomb! This role epitomizes a person's choice to be unhappy in life and perpetuate this attitude with everyone his or her life impacts. Three "death messengers," Christmas ghosts of Past, Present and Future, visit Edwina to illustrate what her negative life outlook has resulted in. The 7-year-dead ghost, Marley, played by Junior Josh Blodgett delivered an interesting "narrative." This articulate "corpse" underlined the feeling of impending doom and the urgency of Edwina's predicament. Cleverly executed and humorous, the high schoolers' were fun to watch.

 [Christmas Play](#)

The supporting cast added an interesting touch to the story. The ghost of Christmas past (played by Senior Molly Chapman) painted a depressing picture of how good things were when Edwina was younger. In one scene, Sophomore Joel Blodgett (playing young Bill) spurred a young Edwina, played by Freshman Kathleen Gruber (also playing Edwina's niece in some scenes), in love. This younger version explains why Edwina's heart became hardened. Her suitor explained that her focus on the monetary was the primary reason for the break-up. Freshman Katrina Hecks plays Edwina's younger sister (Fanny) that she was once close to and is now estranged from. Relationships had taken a backseat for Edwina and she was reaping those "rewards."

### *Life's lesson...*

The moral of the play looks to interpersonal relationships as life's priority versus monetary accumulation. In one scene the ghost of Christmas Present (played gracefully by Senior Jen Giles) shows Edwina the Crachit Family that work for her and live in poverty (played by Stephanie Lewis, Timmy O'Leary, and Chelsea Suydam). She is ashamed to see them thank her for the meager holiday meal they sat down to enjoy. The ghost of Christmas Future delivered the gloomy news of how Edwina's life would wrap up if she chose not to heed the warnings. All these "ghostly" experiences cumulate in a life turn for Edwina and she changes her ways forever.

### *Let's not forget the underclassmen...*

The Kindergarten through 8th graders lent musical support with swing dancing and singing during scene changes and breaks in the play. The preschoolers and Headstart Group also lent their support by hiding in boxes to be "unwrapped" on Que. These little ones were responsible for Santa's eventual long-awaited appearance (played by Mike Driscoll) to have a seat on Santa's lap and whisper Christmas wishes in his ear!

### *The people that made it all happen...*

Special thanks goes to the adults that gave a huge amount of personal heart and energy into making this play happen. Sherri Burt was in charge of the littlest cast mates, Parent Volunteer, Lisa O'Leary helped in a variety of ways each day during drama hour, Teacher's Aide, Ronene Gain assisted K-3 rd grade teacher Karen Bornheimer with the young elementary. Charity Winters was resident pianist for the traditional Christmas music. Finally, the high school Foods I Class was in charge of making the cookies offered post-play. Yuletide spirit runs high in Seldovia as we kick-off the season with the SBE student body. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## **P&Z Commission Meeting December 4**

*by Tamara Blodgett*

The P&Z Commission convened together to include the following members: Dan Blodgett, (Chair) Paulie Carluccio, Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins and Bobbi Sweatt. Deputy City Clerk Mary Klinger took minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:** This meeting was delayed by 1 hour due to a conflict with the SBE Christmas Play.

### **Consideration of Site Plans**

#### **Building Permit Submitted by Gerald Hurley, Lot 2, Block 44, East Addition**

This is a building permit submitted for the purpose of building a garage/shop structure on the above property.

A comment was made by a member of the Public, *Walter McInnes*, that an existing fence between the Hurley-McInnes properties does not represent the property's boundary. This fence is 4 feet inside the McInnes property boundary.

**Action:** The building permit was unanimously approved.

### **Commission Business**

There will be a workshop meeting Monday, the 5th of February at 6PM .

**Next Meeting:** January 8th, 2007

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed, approximately 35 minutes.

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## **Christmas Traditions and A New Safety Workshop**

*by Alene Hidecker*

Every year at this time the Seldovia Village Tribe sponsors a Community Food Drive in partnership with the Seldovia Bible Chapel and the Susan B. English School . Proceeds are used to make the Community Christmas Baskets, which are given to families in Seldovia.

This year the food drive will begin on December 4th, and finish on December 15, 2006 . We are collecting nonperishable food items such as canned foods. Christmas Food Drive Boxes have been placed throughout the community and decorated for easy recognition.

The students of Susan B. English School have a contest between homerooms to see who can gather the most dry goods. The winning class gets a choice of a party or event of their choosing hosted by the Seldovia Village Tribe. They will also receive a Certificate of Merit for participating. Any student(s) that help with collection, delivery or any aspect of the project will receive Community Service Hours.

Please remember that everyone should have fun with this and no one should feel pressured to donate. If you have any questions please call Alene Hidecker or Marcia Patrick at the Seldovia Village Tribe. Phone 234-7898 during the business hours from 9am to 5pm , Monday through Friday.

On December 15th, from 7pm to 9pm the South Peninsula Haven House is hosting an informative discussion about Safe Dating for Teens. The focus will be on safety, healthy relationships, self-esteem and alternatives to violence. The instructors are Donna Beran and Jill Lush from SPHH. This is informal instruction appropriate for boys and girls ages 12 to 18 years of age. The focus will be on safety, healthy relationships, self-esteem and alternatives to violence. The instructors are Donna Beran and Jill Lush from SPHH. This is informal instruction appropriate for boys and girls ages 12 to 18 years of age.

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## **Concealed Handgun Permit & Personal Protection Classes Available in January**

**News Release****Sign-Up Sheets available for Concealed Handgun Permit and Personal Protection Classes**

The Seldovia Village Tribe has sign-up sheets for an adult (21 years or older) Concealed Handgun Permit Class and Personal Protection Class at the Seldovia Post Office and Main SVT Office Building. Mr. Pat Johnson is a certified NRA Instructor and these are State of Alaska approved courses. These classes are tentatively scheduled for January 12th and 13th, 2007.

There is a minimum requirement of 8 students for the classes to be held and each class has a maximum limit of 15 students. The fee for the Concealed Handgun Class is \$100.00 and the Personal Protection Class is \$50.00. There will be a total of 12 hours of instruction. The times are to be announced. If you would like more information about these classes, call Michael Opheim at 234-7898 ext.222 or Alene Hidecker at ext.226 from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

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**State Election Certified****News Release**

Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell announced today that the November 7 General Election results have been certified. Final results are available on the Division of Elections website at <http://www.elections.state.ak.us/06general/>. Voter turnout increased slightly over the 2002 gubernatorial election.

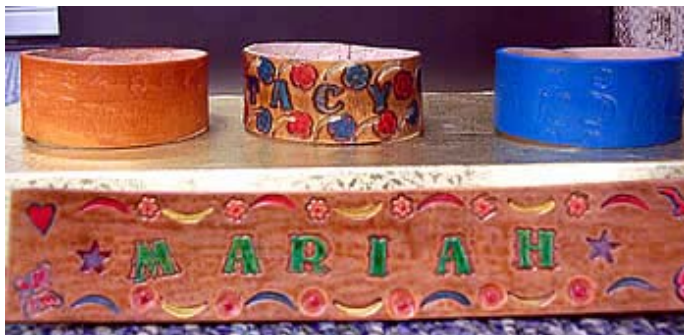
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**Boys & Girls Club****News Release**

Community members are invited to come share the holiday spirit this Tuesday, December 12, 6 - 7 p.m., at the Boys & Girls Club's Christmas Party. You can join our kids in caroling and also listen to the fine playing of Charity Winter's piano students. While you are there, take a minute to make an ornament for our Christmas tree and help us deck the halls. Light refreshments will be served and everyone is asked to bring some Christmas cookies or other fine desert item to share.



Santa's Workshop has been busy at the B&G lately, with hammers hammering, paint brushes painting, and fingers flying. In the past week, members have had the chance to make leather bookmarks and bracelets, and they have learned how to form beautiful Kusudama origami ornaments. Be sure to check out their artwork on display at the Christmas party. We will also have some pottery to show you, as well.



If you are a parent of a Boys & Girls Club member, please remember to pick up your new registration form and get it filled out. The membership dues are only \$20 per child. In order for us to get the paperwork submitted before the end of the year, registration for 2007 ends December 12th.

A lot of our Seldovia kids will be on the road this weekend to watch our teens play at State - go Otters! But for those staying in town, the B&G still has things for them to do...

Friday, December 8th: Come over after school to play some board games and hang out with friends.

Saturday, December 9th: The gym is open from 1-3 p.m. All are welcome. TEENS only - Saturday night from 8-10 p.m. is an open Club time. Come watch t.v., listen to music, play cards with your friends...

\*\*\*Parents! Keep your eyes and ears on alert for Intramural Basketball. Starting Saturday, December 16th, the B&G will be sponsoring youth basketball with Russ Radliff and the high school ball players. Registrations will be available at our Christmas Party on Tuesday night. We'll have a PeeWee League (K-3) and a Junior League (4-8). (3rd graders can try the

Junior League if they feel comfortable playing with the older kids). Be watching for more specific information!

## 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:  
Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia  
234-7577 office  
234-2004 fax  
lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.comc

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### Tidbits . . .

**Snow art was the order of the day with the kids in Seldovia's local playgroup last week. With a little help from Nikki Groff and some food coloring . . .**





Photos courtesy of Paula Elvsaaas

### City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

#### >> Repeat Story <<

The Small Boat Harbor renovation project team consisting of Jay-Brant General Contractors, Hopkins Brothers Construction, and the City of Seldovia (Councilman Tom Keesecker, Mayor Wyland, and myself) met for a pre-construction conference on Monday, November 20th. Project administration and details were discussed. Currently mobilization is taking place, and in the next week to two weeks construction activities should start in the harbor. There will be times that the harbor will be inaccessible, but these times will be short in duration and will be well advertised prior to them occurring. Additionally, when the old piles are being removed and the new piles are being installed vessel owners will have to move their boats for a short period of time. Again, these times will be well publicized.

In a special session of the Seldovia City Council, the Council voted to ratify the Union collective bargaining unit's acceptance of the latest offered contract. The contract will become effective December 1st and run for three years. The City and the Union have been operating on the old contract which expired almost 24 months ago. There are several changes in the contract as compared to the old contract. One of the more significant changes is how the City administers paid time off. We have moved away from the traditional vacation/sick leave time to a more efficient PTO or paid time off system. This system is a win-win for both the employees and the City as all the accrued time off belongs to the employee, and it eliminates the need to administratively manage the sick leave policies. Additionally, the Chief of Police is now on a straight salary basis as opposed to an hourly wage. This will allow for more flexible scheduling of police activities and time off for our Police Chief.

The work on the fuel line replacement has wrapped up for the season. The crew will be back working on the fuel lines in late February or early March. The cold weather, as well as the coming holidays led the General Contractor to decide to curtail operations until early next year.

Interviews were held for the VISTA position of grant writer this week. Two well qualified people were interviewed by the regional director of the national organization of Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA). I expect to receive word on their decision as to if Seldovia will receive a VISTA position and who

will fill that position in the very near future.

Finally, I hope all are having good Thanksgiving day(s) and are able to spend it with family and/or friends.

### Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

#### >> Repeat Story <<

The eagle which was found injured and sent to the US Wildlife Refuge in Homer was shipped to Anchorage where they will attempt to repair the damaged wing. They do not hold much hope in the bird being able to fly again but they did decide not to destroy it.

Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement Officers visited Seldovia to investigate reports of King Crab being sold illegally. Investigation into the allegations resulted in the reports being unfounded. The crab that was being sold in and around Seldovia by a couple local residents was legal in that it had been processed by a licensed processor and they had purchased it from that processor. They can choose to sell it or disperse it to the public after those requirements are met. However, one cannot process it for resale without being a licensed processor.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough, Office of Emergency Management, is in the process of putting together a permanent early warning system, a siren, and they requested the GPS coordinates of the ACS CO on the hill above Helen Josefsen's home. Chief Anderson, with the assistance of Michael Opheim, collected the needed data for them. Hopefully, in the near future, a permanent installation will be in place. At present we have a portable siren that is on a trailer.

Following a call Police responded to a noise complaint regarding loud music. The music was turned down after the Police contacted those responsible and told them of the complaint. No further reports were received and no further action was taken by Police.

Police investigated a report that juveniles were showing signs of having consumed alcohol. Contact was made with two of the three parties alleged to have been drinking and no evidence of alcohol was found. No further action was taken by the Police.

A report of window damage was reported at the SBE School. The damage is consistent with damage done by shooting a window with a BB gun. Anyone having information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Police Department.

A report of a traffic hazard created by persons parking their vehicles so they encroach into the roadway was received. A resident of the residence was contacted and told of the violation and told to have the vehicle moved and to refrain from parking in such a manner in the future.

A local resident was contacted and cited for "Failure to Carry and Show Proof of Insurance" and for "Operating a Vehicle with Expired Registration" after the vehicle he was driving was observed to have no brake lights and contact was made by the Police. Further investigation revealed the license on the vehicle had been expired since December of 2002. Along with the citations

being issued the subject was told to park the vehicle until he had it road legal and insured.

A vehicle was observed to have no tail lights or brake lights. The owner was contacted and told the Officer he was aware of the problem and was about to board the ferry to go to Homer where the problem would be fixed. No further action taken by Police in this matter.

In our last report we informed the public that a step ladder had been lost in the Jakolof Bay Harbor area and, as a result of that report, the ladder was returned to the owner.

In mid December, *if there is no change of plea by the Defendant*, a jury trial will be held in Seldovia on a charge of "Driving While Intoxicated", which occurred in July of 2005. If you are one of those *fortunate souls* who received a summons for "Jury Duty" you will be required to attend these proceedings. Continue to call the number given you by the Court for further instructions. If the trial does proceed the Court will most likely be contacting you but it is your responsibility to keep informed by calling the number that is printed on your summons. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

Since last report the Police have assisted one motorist, provided transportation for four persons and responded to two requests for assistance along with Notarizing two documents.

