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**Christmas Lighting Contest - Judging on December 15th - Sponsored by the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce and the Homer Electric Association - Check signs around town for more details.**

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## Top Stories

### SBE Wrestlers at State!

by Tamara Blodgett

#### Otter boys' "shoot" for the target...

Susan B. English Wrestlers' met their match at the state competition held in Wasilla this year. With 46 teams competing, Seldovia placed 18th! Much improved, last year the Otters' placed 27th out of 36th. Each weight bracket has 16 boys competing with the Otters' having 100% of their weight brackets wrestling during the meet. Juniors Harold Haynes & Timmy O'Leary placed 10th in the 285 weight and 8th in the 189 pound division respectively. Sophomores Jordan Geagel and Oren Kroll placed 5th (215lbs.) and 7th (171lbs.) respectively. Last but not least, Freshmen Derek Burt and Matthew Gain placed 12th (125lbs.) and 15th (130lbs.) respectively. The top 6 wrestlers in each bracket are awarded state placement. Sophomore Jordan Geagel received this honor. As a freshman he placed 12th for the 215 pound weight bracket, returning his sophomore year to advance to 5th!

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Seldovia, AK

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**234-8000**  
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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!

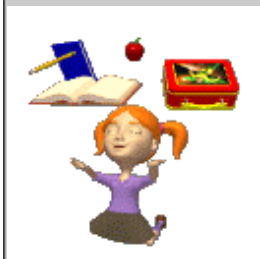


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City Office (907) 234-7643



**School**

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*A coach's dream team...*

Coach Dan Blodgett is thrilled with the progress this hardy batch of boys has made this season. With 100% wrestler return expected next year, he feels the momentum should continue. The morning practice (cardiovascular conditioning) coupled with the afternoon practice may be the key to some of the success. Competing against schools that have a jumpstart on wrestling boys at a younger age has made Blodgett put an emphasis on learning moves in the afternoon and getting the "wind" built for stamina on the mat during the AM practice. It is a rigorous schedule that shows results!



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### *A respite in the storm of activity...*

Although the boys' wrestled in Wasilla, they were able to stay at the Dimond Center Hotel in Anchorage. Seldovia Native Association CEO Mike Beal has been a long-time supporter of Seldovia and its kids. With that in mind, there was a great deal of pride amongst the staff (some heralding from Seldovia) and Beal for the boys' success. Welcome baskets and a banner lay in wait when the boys' arrived, with the "red carpet" unrolled for them! It was a special treat for everyone involved. Friday and Saturday the boys' commuted to the meet with a good night's rest behind them. The day of arrival, Blodgett and team drove to Wasilla for a night's practice (no rest for the weary!) and the scheduled coaches meeting. Friday and Saturday weigh-ins were at 8:30AM and the return on Friday night was around 10PM the first night, and 11:40PM the second. The meet lasts all day when the kids advance and there is usually no time for anything but wrestling!

### *Out of sight, but in mind...*

Coach Blodgett is finished for the season with the high school boys but is already contemplating his new adventures with the junior high set. Very few boys are in this age group but Blodgett will coach just one. Following spring break Blodgett will host a month-long "Pee-Wee" wrestling program for the K- 6th graders. This spring 'round up' is to promote familiarity with wrestling moves, which are complicated and many. Starting young is important so kids can react quickly and automatically on the mat. It is a real advantage to all.

**Congratulation Otters!**

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## Corrections

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

## Yuletide Magic at the B&G Club

by Tamara Blodgett

### *Piano-playing at its Christmas time best...*

B&G Unit Director Laurel Hilts put on a great Seldovia Christmas get-together that featured Seldovia's finest piano players. These pianists ranged in age from 7 to 17, with a little extra from piano teacher Charity Winters and Laurel Hilts herself.



### *Not just music but a whole lot more...*

Hilts had a drawing planned with each person's name in a jar to receive a special stuffed Ty-Baby. These great little stuffed animals of every description were generously donated by the Kenai Regional B&G Club. A little early Christmas cheer to highlight the evening! The Staff and kids had worked really hard beautifying the building for the evening festivities and the result was grand. Kusudama Ornaments made by the kids (craft taught by local Marcella Suydam) were on display as well as leather working bracelets and bookmarks. Pottery made by the kids (and some adults) was for sale at modest prices with proceeds going directly to the Club. In a whirlwind of activity, Hilts would call delighted children's names for them to pick out their stuffed toy under the tree (adults too!). The raffle was well planned in amongst each piano players' brief Christmas tune with caroling mixed in for spice!



***Grants have made the B&G possible...***

The B&G is operating this year due to a 3-year, Title V Grant that allowed staffing and regular hours of operation for the Club. Augmenting this grant is the annual Cook Inlet Housing Authority Grant. These two grants are responsible for keeping the Club open. The Title V will also allow two more programs to be implemented. One is "Smart Moves," an elementary-age program and the "I Can" program (preschool through age 7). Both programs are part of the overall goal educating children on making healthy life choices. A parenting class will also be offered that compliments both programs. Hilts emphasized that the grants are currently the lifeblood of the B&G. The eventual goal is to become a self-sustaining organization through the philanthropic stewardship of our community.



*On the local level...*

Seldovia Village Tribe has created a full time position with a 15-hour per week B&G Clubhouse schedule in collaboration with a 20-hour per week position in their Prevention Program. This has allowed more staffing for the B&G while providing a position with benefits for a local family.



*New computers in place...*

A matching grant of \$5,000 was awarded to the Club last spring for equipment. Through the goodwill of several local people and others, the B&G

was able to meet and exceed the amount needed to gain the grant money. Five, new computers have been purchased and some much-needed storage organizers are forthcoming. This grant was made available by the Rasmussen Foundation.

#### *Donations are so welcome...*

Hilts mentioned response for donations has been good and their continuation is very important to the Club. Not all are monetary; parent volunteers, home-baked treats, as well as store bought foods are always a huge need; Seldovia cares!



#### *An absolutely yummy feast...*

Last, but absolutely not least, were the terrific foods provided by the Club, along with the dessert potluck efforts of the community. Huge, veggie, meat, and fruit (Kiwi in December!) trays were provided by the Club and were delicious. Not to be outdone, Seldovians all came with their version of holiday spirit in the form of every cookie, cupcake and treat imaginable. It was a marvelous time, celebrating the holiday with the people that we know and love in our small community. Merry Christmas!

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## **City Council Meeting - December 13**

*by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members: Keith Gain (chair), Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

### **Committee and Advisory Board Reports**

**SOS** has made two trips out to the CISPRY barges lately. There will be no regular meeting this month.

**Fish and Game** has elected Seldovia residents Tim Dillon and Walt Sonen as advisors on the board. Keith Gain and Robert Purpura retained their positions.

### **Old Business**

Nothing at this time.

## New Business

### Platting of lot on Bay Street next to Lot 14, Block 17

This parcel is currently zoned Public and is managed by the City. Gerry Stranik wishes for a surveying and platting to be done as well as avail it's eventual sale. This lot intersects two parcels currently owned by Stranik.

*Action:* Passed unanimously for surveying.

### Public Presentation for items not on the Agenda

Two members of the Public spoke against the potential for sale of this as yet platted lot. *Vivian Rojas* and *Walt Sonen* both contend that access would be impacted as well as "corridor" viewing of the Seldovia Slough. Santa Cruz was mentioned as an example of what we, as year-round residents, do not want to become; homes jammed so closely together that the view/scenery is not visible along the historic boardwalk. Furthermore, it may have a negative impact on tourism, fishing, and local's enjoyment of our environment.

On another topic, the proposed Sundry Fee Schedule Increase, a member from the Public, *Tim Dillon* spoke for a second time against the fee increase. Dillon had done some light research on the subject and brought forward ideas about gaining financial ground for the City's coffers but not solely on the backs of the year-round residents. He mentioned other coastal communities are leveling a "head tax" for tour boats. This small tax can bring in revenue for as much as \$350 per day (as seen in neighboring Seward). Relative to where we live, it would be less, but may be a cost-effective solution when summer tourism and boating are in full swing. "Bed tax" is another way that local boarding can gain money for the City. Dillon and Rojas would both like creatively feasible solutions exhausted before residents have to pay increased fees.

Another member of the Public, *Laurel Hilts* wished to respond and clarify the Boys & Girls Club position in response to a Seldovia resident's letter that was submitted to Council. This letter contains a list of noise ordinance violations pertaining to ATV abuse and related issues. Hilts wished to clarify that the B&G share their facility with SVT (usually on Friday nights). Hilts emphasized that it is difficult to ascertain who the perpetrators are definitively. People use this access area for trips to the SBE pool and gym facility for open swim and practice for sports. In the wish of being a good neighbor, Hilts has asked that the noise level be dropped in compliance with the noise ordinance at 10PM. She has also asked that a two-person team work the facility when not in use by B&G. This allows one person to man the inside while another does an every 15-20 minute perimeter check. Signage should be installed that would post the speed limit. These preventative measures may possibly circumvent this issue in the future.

### CIRCAC Board Nomination

A letter of recommendation has been written by Mayor Dick Wyland advocating the replacement of June Reuling (who resigned) with Mike Driscoll for the position of Seldovia CIRCAC representative.

*Action:* Approved unanimously.

### Liquor License Renewal Application #209, Mad Fish Restaurant

This is a biannual application for sale of liquor in this restaurant.

**Action:** Vote of non objection approved unanimously.

**Liquor License Renewal Application # 656 and 657, Linwood Bar and Liquor Store**

This is a biannual application for sale of liquor in this establishment.

**Action:** Vote of non objection unanimously.

**Variance Permit Request, Seabright Surveying, Tract C, USS # 1770**

A request submitted by Snug Harbor LLC for a variance that affects the boardwalk to property line setback.

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

**City Manager's Report:** none this week.

**Next Meeting:** December 27th, 2006

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed, 42 minutes and 40 seconds.

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## Boys and Girls Club Update

*News Release*

The Boys & Girls Club would like to welcome two new staff members to our organization. Chris Oliveira and Ruby Mason both have positive experience working with children and our teens. Chris will be working each day at the after-school Clubhouse; Ruby will be focusing her time on our teens, and in January will begin working with Unit Director Laurel Hilts on specific programs for our preschool through middle-elementary children and their parents, including "Smart Moves," "I Can Problem Solve," and "Raising a Thinking Child." We look forward to having both of them on staff.



Chris Oliveira on the left, Ruby Mason on the right.  
Photo courtesy of Laurel Hilts

This afternoon, all Boys & Girls Club members are invited to come over to the Clubhouse for an after-school dance, or more appropriately - a "Vacation Celebration!" Children are welcome to bring their own tunes to dance to; parents - just be sure they keep it clean, thanks. The Clubhouse will be operating its regular hours from 3-6 p.m.

The Boys & Girls Club will also be open over Christmas vacation, and our staff has many fun activities planned. The first week's Clubhouse hours are Monday through Friday from 1-6 p.m. Kids can plan on baking cookies Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 p.m. with Ronene Gain. We will add those cookies to the Annual Christmas Box program sponsored by the Seldovia Bible Chapel and the Seldovia Village Tribe. Don't worry, kids...you will get some to eat, too. We will also have craft time with Joy Smith daily at 3:00 p.m., so kids can make more presents and fun items for the holidays.

Teens are welcome to drop by the Club any time from 1-6 p.m., and there is also time set aside on Tuesday night for Open Gym from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday night at the Club from 8-10 p.m. Be sure to check out the SVT Prevention Program's calendar for other great Teen activities scheduled over Christmas vacation.

## 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.comc

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### Tidbits . . .

**This weeks snow storm brought in a beautiful winter wonderland to Seldovia . . . even Courier and Ives would have been impressed!**



### City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> *None this week*<<

### Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

I'm sure those of you who received Summons to Appear for Jury Duty will be happy to know the trial you were summoned for *is NOT going to take place*. A change of plea was given by the Defendant and she has been sentenced for a DUI that occurred in the Seldovia area in July of 2005. You can now breathe again. At present, we do not have any outstanding cases that will require a Jury Trial.

Investigation into a case of "Minors Consuming Alcohol" has resulted in further investigation regarding allegations that the alcohol was delivered to the minor by a person who lives in Homer. Homer Police have been contacted and are following up on the case. We hope to have the results of the investigation before to much longer.

An adult, who had not contacted his Probation Officer (PO) as required, was contacted regarding his violations after the PO contacted the Police. Following Police contact the man called his PO and he now has a better understanding of what is expected.

A burglary was reported in the Barabara Heights Subdivision and numerous items were stolen. Among the items stolen are the following: A pair of ZEISS binoculars, a COLD STEEL MASTER GUIDE hunting knife, a CABELA'S Camouflage back pack, a black CLEARVIEW tactical vest, eleven boxes of FIOCCHI brand .45 caliber ammunition and a black metal ammo box containing assorted ammunition. The door to the residence sustained damage when it was forced open. Anyone having any information regarding this burglary is asked to contact the Police Department. If you have seen any of the above listed items let the Police know. Next time it could be your door that is kicked in. If you were the victim in a burglary/theft of this nature, you would certainly want anyone with information to step forward. We must put a stop to this type activity now! If you need to remain anonymous you can still pass on any information you have to the Police Department. It will go far in stopping this type of crime in our area.

A local man was served a "Summons to Appear" on Fish & Game violations that occurred in the Kodiak area after the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement contacted the Police Department requesting the papers be served.

Police checked two vacant residences after finding fresh tire tracks in the snow at both locations. It turned out the HEA meter reader had made rounds and left the evidence of where they had been. If you have friends that are gone for the winter and their residence is vacant, possibly you would want to drive by and see that everything is okay. It seems the vacant residences are the target of the burglar(s) and if they do force entry into one of the residences, without a friend checking the home, it may be spring before the crime is reported. The sooner the crime is reported the more likely it will be solved. Be a good neighbor and friend and keep an eye on these vacant homes.

Police were called on to assist a motorist whose engine had stalled. The vehicle was towed to a shop where repairs could be made.

A resident reported a dog at large during the early morning hours. It seems some people release their dogs at night when it is unlikely they will be observed. The law does not discriminate regarding the time of day persons are responsible for their animals and persons turning their animals loose at night are subject to citations just as in the day time. Go out with your animals and keep them under control. Be a responsible dog owner. Don't just open the door and let them run. It's inconsiderate of others and it's against the Municipal Code.

I have noticed the dogs running in the City have decreased considerably and for this I am very thankful. I do not enjoy having to write the citations but doing so seems to alleviate the biggest part of the problem so I will continue to enforce the Animal Control laws through citations. If you continue to take care of your animals, everything should work out great for both of us.

DOT reported a Stop Sign on Seldovia Street, at Main Street, sustained damage when someone, turning off Main Street onto Seldovia Street, hit the sign post. When someone damages other than their own property they are required to report it. With the icy road conditions it is very easy to slide into objects and cause damage but one should report it and not just drive away as if nothing happened.

A pistol and a coffee maker were stolen in a burglary of a vacant residence located near town. The owner felt the burglary and theft occurred in the summer due to the timeframe when people were staying in the home. The pistol is a Smith & Wesson with a 6" barrel and Pacmeyer grips. It is black and was housed in a black leather pouch. The pouch was also taken. The coffee maker was white in color and was purchased at Costco but the owner didn't know the brand. Anyone having information should contact the Police Department.

A lady requested her fingerprints be rolled for employment reasons and the prints were taken. Just another one of those many services your Police Department offers at no charge to you.

For a 1 & ½ days I assisted the Maintenance Department in snow removal. I witnessed first hand what a nuisance the vehicles that are left parked on the road become when you are trying to open the roads and get rid of the snow. It is difficult, at best, to find a place to move the snow but you put a couple

vehicles in the way and it becomes a very time consuming effort. In the perfect world the cars would not be parked on the roadway to begin with but in this world of imperfection let's start moving the vehicles off the roadway when the snow starts falling. It will benefit you and the Maintenance Department no end.

Since last report Police have responded to two requests for assistance and notarized three documents.

