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SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING - Wednesday, March 28
 KPB Tax Assessors are coming to Seldovia to meet with anyone having questions about the recent increases in Property Tax. The KPB Assessor, KPB Attorney, KPB Land Assessor, and a senior KPB Assessor will be attending the meeting. 10AM to 300PM, Multi Purpose Room, EVERYONE is welcome!

Top Stories

Principal Interviews

by Katie O'Leary

On Thursday March 15, 2007 Donna Peterson, the Kenai Peninsula School District Superintendent, interviewed the three candidates for the Susan B. English administrative/teacher position open for the 2007-08 school year. This position has been held by Curtis Liberty for the past two school years, and now the school board is looking for a new employee. There were three people, who the school district feel are qualified and have the personality description the parents and students in Seldovia asked for. The three candidates are John Bruce, Heather Jones, and Sheryl Hingley.

John Bruce is a teacher from Newton, Missouri. He has a great deal of teaching experience and coaching experience. He has coached softball, track and field, and basketball. He has taught in a small school of about one hundred students, K-12. He likes working as a team with his fellow staff members. His teaching space is always full of activity and he believes in the use of multiple teaching techniques. Parent and community involvement is a high priority and welcomes and volunteer help offered.

Heather Jones is an energetic, enthusiastic teacher from Montana. She and her

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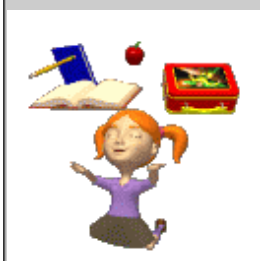
family have thought of moving up here in the past and when this job opened up she jumped on the opportunity. She also likes to work as a team with her fellow staff members, and getting to know her students. Mrs. Jones believes in hands on working in her classroom and says that you will hardly see her students sitting quietly working by themselves.

Sheryl Hingley has been the 4-8th grade teacher this past school year. Her and her husband love living here and wish to continue to be a big part of the community. She has been very involved since she moved here and wants to have even more say in our school functions. When asked her priorities she said "STUDENTS FIRST!" Throughout the year she has grown very fond of her students and would very much like to continue working with them.

Each of these three candidates has his or her own strengths they could add to our school and community. From sitting in on the interview, as it was opened to the public, I listened to each of these candidates and believe that any one of these choices would benefit the school greatly. The school district will be making their decisions as soon as possible, and thanked all who attended for their support and concern in the hiring of the next teacher/administrator for S.B.E. school.

School

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



Mat Donations Off to a Good Start!

by Tamara Blodgett

Article spurs generous donations for new wrestling mat...

A big thank you is in order for a couple of donations, one anonymous and one from FNBA Anchorage with donations totaling \$750 for the new wrestling mat for Susan B. English's Jr. & Sr. High Wrestling Teams. As discussed in last weeks' article, SBE Wrestling is using a 25 -year old wrestling mat that is in need of replacement, or at the very least, refurbishment. This money will be combined with the monies already raised during the Regions Basketball II Tournament hosted by Seldovia in early March. Coach Blodgett, and the O'Leary Family worked the concession stand at Regions with all proceeds set aside for the purchase of a new mat (\$2,000). A big 'thank you' to our benefactors for their generosity and understanding of the importance sports' plays in positive growth toward adulthood.

Notices & Newsletters

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▶ [Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 \(pdf\)](#)

▶ [Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 \(pdf\)](#)

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Seldovians Have Multiple Vote-Casting Options for April 3rd Election

News Release

Seldovia, Alaska, March 16, 2007 - Seldovians will have more than one choice of how they cast their ballots in the April 3rd [Statewide Advisory Vote](#).

Voters who are not planning to be physically present in Seldovia on election day can vote absentee by requesting and returning a paper ballot by [mail](#) or [fax](#). Applications must be received no later than March 24th to receive a mail-in ballot for the April 3rd election.

Voters may also vote absentee ballots in person at the [Seldovia City Office](#)

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between March 19th and April 3rd. Voters will need to have [identification](#) available in order to cast their ballots; acceptable forms of identification include signed voter ID card, driver's license, military ID, Indian ID, fish and game license, state ID card, passport, or senior citizen ID card (picture ID is not necessary).

Voters may cast ballots in person at the polls on April 3rd. The Seldovia Precinct polling place is the city Multipurpose Room, adjacent to the public library, and it will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. Voters are required to have [identification](#) available in order to cast their ballots; acceptable forms of identification include signed voter ID card, driver's license, military ID, Indian ID, fish and game license, state ID card, passport, or senior citizen ID card (picture ID is not necessary).

Voters with special accessibility needs have additional options. The touch-screen voting machine for the visually-impaired will not be in use at the April 3rd election. Magnifying ballot viewers are standard equipment at the poll. Voters may bring a designated assistant with them who may go into the voting booth with them and assist them with casting a ballot. This includes election officials, friends, family members, bystanders, campaign workers and anyone else who is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or officer or agent of your union.

Voters who planned on voting in person at their polling place on election day but become ill or are homebound can vote by having a personal representative pick up a ballot at the polling place, bring it to them, and then return the completed ballot to the polls. Please allow at least 15 minutes for filling out the forms required for both the representative and the voter.

Although the Seldovia polling place is located on the second floor, there is a key-operated elevator now available for voter use. NOTE: because there is no way to notify poll workers from the front door that you want to use the elevator, please call the polls at 234-7863 before leaving home to arrange to be met at the elevator entrance. Voters registered in other precincts may cast their ballots at the Seldovia polls. To check which precinct they are registered at, all voters may call the Division of Elections at 1-888-383-8683 (voters must enter their Social Security Number or voter number to identify themselves to the automated system). Any voter who is not listed on the Seldovia precinct register must fill out a "questioned ballot" form, in which their ballot is transferred to the Alaska Division of Elections for tallying. The term "questioned" refers only to the question of where you are registered to vote (so that your vote is counted in your proper precinct), not that the poll workers are questioning your right to vote. You will be given a phone number to call to check on the status of your ballot when you complete the questioned ballot process. Non-precinct voters will need their voter id or social security number to correctly identify themselves on their ballot envelope (the ballot itself is secret and contains no identifying information).

These same balloting options are typically available in all federal, state, and borough elections.

Additional information, including the text of the advisory vote, is available on the Division of Elections [April 3 Statewide Advisory Vote](#) homepage as well as from the [Seldovia City Office](#) and the [Seldovia Public Library](#).

Savannah Lewis

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Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter - March 19

Hello again from the capital city. The winter weather we've been experiencing this year has continued into March. Thus far, we've hit over 180 inches and may break the record of 190 inches set in the winter of 1964-65.

Although the inclement weather has caused some snags for lawmakers, public officials and constituents trying to get in and out of town, the work of the Legislature is continuing. We recently reached the halfway point in this year's session. Like each of the six previous years I have served in the Legislature, much work has already been accomplished, but many big issues, such as next year's operating and capital budgets, remain before the May 16th scheduled adjournment.

This past week, the Senate Resources Committee started hearings on Governor Palin's Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA), which is the next step toward developing a natural gas pipeline. The bill has several key components, including the state offering up to \$500 million matching funds for initial costs, a commitment to hiring Alaskans and tax incentives.

This is a complex issue, and one that holds enormous implications for the Alaska's fiscal future. It's imperative we give the AGIA legislation thorough consideration and ensure we get it right. As a member of the Senate Resources Committee, I look forward to being part of the process. I hope to hear your thoughts on this critical issue as well.

(More information on AGIA is available on Governor Palin's website at: www.gov.state.ak.us/agia)

[Click here to read the entire newsletter \(pdf\)](#)

Special Notices

Boys & Girls Club Update

The Club will be open with extended hours (1:00-6:00PM) during Spring Break next week. Parents of Teens – be watching for SVT's special Teen Events during the break, too. [Click here to view the B&GC calendar.](#)

Remaining Spring Break Schedule for Kids and Teens:

Friday 1:00-6:00 p.m. B&G Open
9:00-midnight SVT Teen Movie Night -
Plus Bingo and Sub Sandwiches

Saturday 1:00-3:00 p.m. B&G Open 9:00-midnight Teen Dessert Iron Chef

Regular schedule resumes after Spring Break

- Power Hour: Mondays - Thursdays from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Mondays - 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

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia
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Tidbits . . .

Winter photography in Alaska can net some beautiful shots . . . especially eagles.



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> Repeat Story <<

Contractors are now renovating the Harbor Master building (made necessary by the accident that occurred over the winter). Work should be complete by Tuesday, March 20.

Community revenue sharing, which the Governor supports, is in trouble. Representative Mike Kelly of Fairbanks zeroed out the Governor's proposed Revenue Sharing line item. Public testimony is scheduled to be held this Saturday. All members of the public are welcomed to testify and can be done via telephone using a toll free number. Times for communities such as Seldovia to testify are between 2 PM and 3:15 PM. Anyone interested in testifying can use the toll free number (which I have). Community Revenue

Sharing is an important part of our budget. It was taken away by the previous administration (Governor Murkowski's administration) and the affects of this loss of revenue has severely impacted the City. Our newly elected Governor promised to put it back in and she is trying to hold to that promise. But certain Legislators do not seem to see the need and have eliminated the Revenue Sharing line item from the budget. Seldovia, just as many other communities (particularly the smaller communities) need this funding source.

The City Manager position announcement is out in at least places and we have already started receiving resumes from interested parties. To date we have received five letters and resumes. I expect more to be coming in the next few weeks. The position closes on March 30, 2007.

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

>> No Story this Week <<

