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Spotlight



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Sea Otters last home game of the season



Seldovia Art Council's upcoming musical event is a "five man pop, R&B, mouth band from Boston, Massachusetts known as Ball In The House. They will be incorporating members from our local boys and girls club into their acapella style at their performance. This is a must-see, must-hear. Join us at Susan B. English School on April 10th at 7p.m. \$15 @ the door.

Top Stories

Fireman's Ball 2007 at Linwood Bar & Grill

by Tamara Blodgett

Community gets "fired up" for funds...

The annual Fireman's Ball will be held on Saturday, April 7th to commence at 10:30AM with a breakfast. This event will have a myriad of activities for the adult crowd with all proceeds going to the Seldovia Fire Department with a special designation for upgrading the communications system. This new system will allow EMS and Fire Fighter response and communication at much greater distances.

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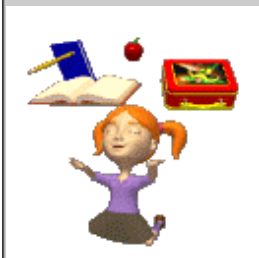
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Last year's Fireman's Ball

Beginning with a bang...

Directly following the breakfast a "scavenger hunt" will begin at noon . Liza Bieri mentioned that four teams have already signed up with each team having 3-4 members. The teams will be given lists of items to find with each team having a unique list.

The fun continues...

For those of you with personality to spare, please feel free to wear your most outrageous, original, or 'creative use of recycled goods' hats' for the "Mad Hatter" contest. Those that participate will be judged on their hat choice at 8PM . During the mid-afternoon timeframe, for a \$20 buy-in, people can choose between a pool or poker tournament, or both. The winner of either tournament will have their name emblazoned on a plaque as that years' winner with all proceeds benefiting the Fire Dept.

Never enough turkeys...

It doesn't have to be Thanksgiving to enjoy turkeys! From 1-4PM , an event open to all ages, will be Turkey Bowling. This fun "sport" will take place at a prime outdoor, smooth surface ice locale, chosen on Saturday. If you wish to participate, meet at the Linwood to find out where! Cans will be set up in reverse triangle formation with a frozen turkey "launched" bowling ball-style at the unsuspecting cans! Makes for a great time for all.

Mexican Fiesta anytime...

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The theme for the supper that starts at 6:30PM at the Linwood this year is Mexican food. Everyone participating is asked to bring a Mexican dish for this potluck event. Ms. Bieri has been coordinating these events and has found it helpful when people have phoned in with what they are bringing so there are not too many repeat dishes.

Olympia forever...

The old "Oly" bottle will be auctioned off again this year (this bottle dates from the 50's). A silent auction will take place throughout the afternoon for people that wish to place their bid(s) on items. They may do so by writing down their name and bid amount on the accompanying paper for that item. Every local business in town donated items for the auction as well as some Homer businesses patronized by Seldovians.



Seldovia's famous "Oly" Bottle

Keeping our homes safe...

The whole purpose of the Ball is to make sure that our community's homes stay safe through fire fighter response. Bieri emphasized that the bucket runneth dry right now. The fire fighting staff is at an all-time low and we desperately need new fire fighters to fill the void. She would like to send out a plea to the community, that if anyone is interested in these critical jobs to please contact Fire Administrator Michelle Bateman for information. See you at the Fireman's Ball!

Chamber of Commerce Meeting April 5

by Mary Glover

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Corrections

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The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce held its regularly scheduled meeting at the City's Multi-Purpose Room at noon on April 5, 2007. The meeting was well attended by quite a few members. The new members and their businesses were announced: Seldovia Lodge, Dillon & Dillon, Liza Beiri's Deli on Wheels, 3 Bears Coffee & Gifts and the new start up direction for Tom Hopkin's business, Red Mountain Marine.

The new Seldovia Chamber cookbook still needs more recipes and we are focusing on special soups. If anyone has a special soup recipe, please submit it to Joni Reynertson. Also, children are welcome to submit recipes for the special children's section. When the Chamber holds its next community potluck we will ask people to bring a recipe along with the dish. Those bringing a recipe will be eligible for the door prize drawing. (More on this when we publicize the next community potluck—now scheduled for when we have the Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest, end of May.)

Liza Beiri gave an update on the 4th of July. All the Old Crabs have been notified and have accepted the title. This year's three Old Crabs will be: Carl Marrs, Katherine Gottlieb and Don Kashevaroff. She reported that there are chairpersons for most of the events scheduled for the day. Those events that still need someone to step forward and be in charge of are: canoe races, parade, baseball, cake walk, decorations and log roll. There were three great designs submitted for this year's button contest. The winner was a drawing by Jenny Chissus' father who got all excited about Coming Home when he was visiting in Seldovia last summer. His name is Kern Devin, a retired graphics artist. The close second was a beautiful drawing by Helen Josefsen.



Photo by Jenny Chissus

President Glover then presented the opportunity to the Chamber members of having a Seldovia Chamber location in downtown Seldovia next to the Post Office. After discussion, the members unanimously voted to try the new location for one year. Plans are to have a Hall of Fame, a place to restore and store the informational signs, a place for members to advertise their businesses, a place for the public to visit, and a place for information about

Seldovia. The Chamber will be moving in on May 1st.

The Chamber briefly discussed Clean Up Day that is usually held in May and briefly discussed the great feedback Seldovia is receiving on the April issue of the Alaska Magazine that features Seldovia. Rosanna McInnes stated that the Alaska Magazine was going to feature Seldovia again next year. Rosanna also stated that Karen Truitt who works for the Alaska Magazine was instrumental in getting us such great coverage. Karen is one of the owners of the building where The 3 Bears is going to open shop (the old Sweet-n-Clean). Also brought up for the web surfers was a new web site that is featuring Seldovia: www.AlaskaBest.com

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned four minutes before 1:00 pm.

Pandemic / Emergency Management Conference

by Alix Chartier

April 7, 2007 is World Health Day. An Associated Press article in "News 24.com" on March 4th quoted the director-general of the World Health Organization to have "urged governments on Monday to prepare for another flu pandemic", at an international forum for politicians and others attending. A startling prospect? Perhaps not as much for a community that is prepared to the best of its ability, for such an event.





This was the subject matter of an Emergency Management Conference recently held at the Seldovia Conference Center on March 28-30. This three-day conference was co-sponsored by the Alaska Division of Public Health, Alaska Native Health Consortium, and the Seldovia Village Tribe. It was an opportunity to hear Ted Smith, the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management present the State's Continuity of Operations Plan and Scott Walden speak about the Kenai Peninsula Borough's emergency response capabilities. Duane Parlow and Joe Gallagher presented Homer Electric Association's plan; they put that plan to the test at least once a year. Sally Abbott, Alaska Division of Public Health who coordinates emergency response capabilities for all of the hospitals in Alaska, presented a thorough explanation of what influenza / pandemic is and its impact on human populations throughout history. Mike Bradley, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, defined Avian Influenza or Bird Flu, the H5N1 Strain. Christine Anderson, Director of Nursing at South Peninsula Hospital spoke about their Pandemic Flu Emergency Response plan. Additionally, Pete Petram, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Tim Robertson, Nuka Research spoke to the importance of communities preparing a response plan for any kind of hazard / disaster emergency and putting it to practice from time to time.

There was a good attendance from the City, Tribal management and employees, business owners, community volunteers, and other interested community members. Delicious food was prepared by Liza Bieri and great service provided by the SEE crew.

We are all in this together. The sooner we can come up with a unified community emergency response plan, the sooner we will be prepared to help ourselves and each other for a pandemic or any event on that enormous a scale. Let's do it!

Alaska Special Election April 3, 2007

QUESTION:

Shall the legislature adopt a proposed amendment to the state constitution to be considered by the voters at the 2008 general election that would prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of

the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees?

Registered Voters 467275 - Cards Cast 106128 22.71%

YES Votes - 56372 - 53.36%

NO Votes - 49274 - 46.64%

Musical Notes in Seldovia

By Tamara Blodgett

Local piano students herald spring with recital...

Just as breakup happens, so the community was able to enjoy the spring piano recital this last Thursday at 7PM. Short and sweet, piano students lined up to give us a taste of what teacher Charity Winters has been up to.



Diverse music choices...

Each piano student picked a piece that they wished to play. The progression seemed to go from youngest to oldest, with first grader Samuel Scribner playing "Blue Bells of Scotland." Next was Aidan Philpot who played a melancholy piece (my personal favorite) titled, "Marche Slave." We had two Sarah's, Geagel and O'Leary, who played "Minuet" by Bach and "Beautiful Dreamer" by Stephen Foster, respectively. Ninth grader Kathleen Gruber played "Sheep May Safely Graze" also by Bach. Last but definitely not least, using masterful finesse with the dynamics of this piece was ninth grader Chelsea Suydam who played "Nocturne" by Chopin.



Thanks to a great teacher...

A big thanks to piano teacher Charity Winters for another year of dedication and follow through with the kids. She took on a big roster of 6 students and wrapped up her year early for the newest bundle of joy due this month. Congratulations Charity and kids! Thanks for all your hard work.

DOT Proposed Regulation Changes for Rural Airports

If you own an airplane in rural Alaska, you probably need to take a look at this 154 page document . . .

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Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 2

Greetings from Juneau on this 77th day of the legislative session.

The weather has finally turned bright and sunny yet we are still waiting for the piles of snow to melt. I had the opportunity to participate in the “Legislative 3 gun shoot” put on by the Alaska Correction Officers Association at the local gun club on Saturday. Last year there was bare ground but this year we were negotiating paths about four feet deep in the snow. It was a fun time but my trap shooting needs a lot of practice when I get back to Homer.

NOTICE: From Department of Transportation; Amendments to the State Wide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) are open for public comment. This is your opportunity to contribute to the creation of the State’s road priorities. Don’t wait till after the STIP list is solidified. DOT needs to know now the public’s comments on what needs to be given priority and what is not included on the STIP list that should be. To view Draft Major Amendment # 13 go to http://stip.dot.state.ak.us/search_amd.cfm

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Special Notices

Boys & Girls Club Update

Easter Weekend Schedule

- Friday from 3:00-5:00: Community Easter Egg Dying in the school Ottortorium (all ages.) The Club will take kids over and then bring them back to hang out at the B&G until 6:00 as usual.
- Saturday morning at 11:00: Easter Egg Hunt at the ball field (up through 6th grade)
- Saturday afternoon at 1:00: Easter Party at the Seldovia Bible Chapel (all ages)
- Saturday afternoon at 2:00: Teen Scavenger Hunt (7th grade and above)
- Sunday afternoon from 2:30-3:00: Easter Egg Hunt on the Tustumena (ages 1-5 @ 2:30, ages 6-8 @ 2:45, and ages 9+ @ 3:00)

These events brought to you by the Seldovia Bible Chapel and the Seldovia Village Tribe – both partnering agencies of the Boys & Girls Club. Have a great weekend!

Regular Club Schedule

- 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
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours
lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Tide Pool to Expand Hours Earlier this Year

Beginning Friday, April 6th, the Tide Pool will be open seven days a week from 700AM to 400PM. Look for new menus on April 17th. Regular dinner hours will kick off on Mother's Day (May 13th.)

SERVSAFE Class Sponsored by the SEE Project

SEE project is proud to announce that it will sponsoring a SERVSAFE class for all food establishments in Seldovia. Any establishment that serves food to the public is required to have at least 1 (one) manager in its facility that has been trained in this course. Businesses must comply with this rule by December of 2007. The certification lasts for 5 years. SEE will be sponsoring the only certified teacher for the Kenai Peninsula to come to Seldovia in the end of May (I'll let you know when the date has been confirmed) to administer this 8 hour class. The fee for each participant is \$130 and we must have a

minimum of 6 participants. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this training or if you have any questions.

Rosanna McInnes
SEE Marketing & Project Director
907-234-7859 x 34

Tidbits . . .

Serina Turner, SBE's contestant at the State Geography Bee competition, accepts a certificate from Anchorage Mayor Mark Bagich. Congratulations Serina!



Photo by Camille Turner

City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

> **No report this week** <

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

Police were called reference a Domestic Dispute wherein a man and wife were having a heated argument. No physical violence occurred and the two agreed to separate for a cooling off period. No further action was taken by Police.

Police assisted a motorist after his vehicle battery failed him and he was stopped in the middle of the roadway. A jump start did the trick and the motorist was on his way.

A report of three four wheelers driving erratically on the North end of Main Street was taken and Police responded. The machines had departed the area prior to Police arrival but the tracks on the roadway left no doubt the machines were being driven in an erratic manner. This type activity on our streets could result in the operator's privilege to drive being in jeopardy. If one has the need to drive in this manner he/she should find an area off the road system to do so. We are unique in that we allow our all terrain vehicles to be driven on the

maintained roadways. This does not happen in most areas and it only makes sense that we should protect this privilege. If you see someone driving in this manner, let them know they could be putting all of us in jeopardy of losing this privilege. If you don't Police it and the Police are not in the area, the abuse will continue. Let's all work together and end this type of driving.

Police received a second complaint about the erratic driving of a four-wheeler in the same area a day after the three machines were reported. Again, the Police responded but the machine was not in the area when Police arrived. I won't beat it to death but we, as a community, need to put a stop to this type driving.

A vacant residence was checked following a report of fresh foot prints being observed in the snow leading to the home. No evidence of forced entry was found and all the doors and windows were secure when checked.

A man reported a dog was in his yard when he came home and he requested a citation be issued for "Dog at Large" to the owner. The Police took the information and a citation was issued.

A local resident reported he backed into a vehicle when he was leaving the Main Street Market and did damage to both vehicles. His vehicle sustained damage to the tail light lens while the vehicle he collided with sustained damage to the passenger door. The matter had been handled between the two parties prior to Police becoming involved and arrangements were made to repair both vehicles. Pictures were taken and an incident report filed at the Police Department. No further action taken by Police.

A local lady reported a man, with a mid-eastern accent, called her a number of times over the last couple weeks regarding her subscription to a magazine she hadn't renewed for nearly two years. He called three times in one day and on his first call of the day she told him she wasn't interested, and she hung up. On the second call he asked for clarification of her credit card number reference her subscription and she told him to quit calling and she hung up. He immediately called back and cursed at her, only proving the call to be a fraud. An investigation could not reveal where the call had originated from. Beware of any calls of this nature and **never** give your credit card number to these people.

Two ladies, at separate times, came to the Police Department and requested their fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes. Two sets of fingerprints were rolled for each lady.

Police were called when a teenager was frightening others in the home by his actions and statements. He was angry about some family matters and was becoming violent. Police had contact with the boy and told him of the legal consequences of his actions and that he could get himself into a situation which could affect him for the rest of his life. In Domestic Violence situations you can Assault someone by placing them in fear of imminent physical injury by just your words or actions. If an Assault does take place in a

Domestic situation a Police Officer is mandated to arrest the offender. The boy seemed to understand the consequences of his actions and calmed down. Follow up information revealed he was doing well since that contact and everyone is getting along well. Many people feel you must physically assault a person to be charged with Assault but that is not the case, however, there is a

burden of proof issue you must deal with when charging in this type of an Assault.

Police contacted a local citizen after receiving a report of speeding in the parking area at the school. The subject admitted they were possibly going too fast but did not feel they were going 20 mph, as was stated in the report. Police told the driver to slow down and avoid future problems.

Because of the speeding report in the school grounds area, Police met with Mr. Liberty regarding the posting of speed limit signs in an effort to keep people aware of the speed they are driving. Mr. Liberty stated he would be contacting his Borough Supervisors to explore the possibility.

A report of a 4-wheeler being driven on the Otterbahn Trail was taken and the operator was contacted by Police and asked that he not drive motorized vehicles on the trail. The Otterbahn was built for foot traffic and we have always attempted to keep motorized vehicles off of it so as not to tear up the terrain. He was unaware of the restriction and most people possibly are not aware of the rule. Let's please keep the Otterbahn Trail clear of motorized vehicles and enjoy it as a foot trail.

A man who purchased a vehicle from a person in another town asked the Police to research the ownership of the vehicle as he was having a difficult time getting a Title to the vehicle. Research indicated the vehicle had been sold to another person before the seller bought it and the title had never been changed to the seller's name. If you are attempting to buy a vehicle make sure the title is clear. It is very difficult to clear up a problem of this nature with all those previous owners moving on and being impossible to locate. You may be getting a "Heck of a Deal" for a reason.

Chief Anderson attended a 40 hour advanced crime scene investigations class in Anchorage recently. Investigations have changed little over the years but the process of collecting evidence has changed significantly. New methods and new equipment have been developed that make the collection of evidence easier but the tools that are needed to find and collect this evidence are new and will have to be purchased. Hopefully in the near future the City will be able to provide some of the new supplies needed for the crime scene investigations. We have to be able to come away from a crime scene with enough evidence to identify and prosecute the offenders. This is the only way we will be able to keep our citizens and their property safe.

Since last report the Police have responded to 5 Requests for Assistance, Notarized 17 documents, (12 in one setting), did a welfare check on one couple, provided transportation for 2 people and served a subpoena on 1 person for an upcoming trial.

