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PhotoStory SBE Prom "Casino Royale 007"

NEW!

Top Stories

SBE Prom "Casino Royale 007"

by Katie O'Leary & Tamara Blodgett

On Saturday, April 14th, the Junior Class hosted the 2007 Prom. The theme of this prom was, 'Casino Royal 007.' The Prom Court was; Queen, Naomi Gallien; King, Kyle Burt, 1st Princess, Jen Giles; 1st Prince, Griffin Swick; 2nd Princess, Molly Chapman and 2nd Prince, KC Chissus.



[Click here to see a Prom PhotoStory by Mary Glover](#)

The 'Mad Fish' is happy to help...

Our local Mad Fish Restaurant was thrilled to donate an array of great food for last Saturday's prom at SBE. Some of the foods included a Mexican layered dish, chocolate cake, and the ever-popular jumbo shrimp.

New Mad Fish owners Tim and Isabelle Harbaugh were pleased to contribute to the kids' annual prom that was well attended by a variety of people from all age groups. Having opened the Mad Fish Restaurant just last summer, they

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hail from Soldotna, where they ran a successful catering business. The Harbaughs' used this expertise to get the job done and delivered the food for the festivities, which was served banquet-style.

And more thanks...

Local mom, Roberta Swick, headed up the organization of the prom with the help of the junior class, as is the tradition. Thanks to her hard work the 'Casino Royale' theme was a success with a terrific card and dice motif throughout. We look forward to a new theme next year by the successive junior class and truly appreciate devoted parents' that make it happen

Fireman's Ball a Bulls-eye!

by Tamara Blodgett

Seldovia shows support once again...

A terrific turnout is just what the doctor ordered to fix our much-needed matching grant money to upgrade existing emergency communications here in Seldovia. Currently, it is challenging for EMS and Fire to respond adequately by radio to calls when they travel 'out the road' on a call. This new communication system will give communication abilities as far as Red Mountain . It is crucial that Emergency Response Teams communicate within the area they serve in a timely and efficient manner; these monies will make this possible.



A piece comes out of the financial pie...

Tax time looming and the Booster Club Auction on the horizon was not enough to slow down the giving streak that is always pervasive in Seldovia. Locals dug deep to show their support for our all-volunteer emergency response staff's needs. Liza Bieri spearheaded the organization of the Ball and emphasized that the response and financial support exceeded her expectations. \$5,800 was the figure needed for the matching grant portion. This figure was exceeded with final figures forthcoming, but anticipated to be in the 6-7K range for the total.

School

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



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Auction the 'hit of the Ball'...

Local Buck Brown stood as auctioneer and worked tirelessly auctioning off a variety of items donated by local businesses and individuals alike. Bieri said the "Oly Bottle" auctioned for \$1735 and the popular Scavenger Hunts rounded up an additional \$1049. Bieri said that there were six teams that scavenged all day long and worked their tails off to do their part! She was really pleased by the 24 (total) member group that worked hard for the cause and had a great time doing it! The "split pot" made around \$350-70 for the night. The pull-tabs have not been tabulated yet but will count toward the final figures.

Mexican always a hit...

Fine food was the feature of the evening with a delicious combination Mexican Potluck that was well received with two tables of food that left people "grazing" the night away! Bieri was thankful for all the support and help she received from various individuals and entities for the success of the Fireman's Ball. Thank you Joe and Heather Miller for hosting the Ball at the Linwood Bar & Grill! Great job Seldovia.

**Revenue Sharing May be in Trouble . . .
Please Do Your Part to Help**

by Tom Glover

As small towns in Alaska continue to struggle financially, our legislators have apparently pulled their support for revenue sharing once again. Governor Palin requested \$48 million in her budget to help communities with everything from keeping essential city services going in small towns to providing property tax

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relief in some of the bigger towns. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have removed this line item from the budget. Reportedly, the revenue sharing has been submitted as a separate revenue sharing bill but it is still awaiting action.

You can help by calling, faxing, writing or sending a short letter to our legislators:

Representative Paul Seaton

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Fax : 907-465-3472

Website: <http://www.RepPaulSeaton.com>

Email: Rep.Paul.Seaton@Legis.state.ak.us

Senator Gary Stevens

Alaska State Capitol, Juneau , AK 99801-1182

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Website: <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/senate/25/STG.php>

Email: sen.gary.stevens@legis.state.ak.us

You don't have to say much, just ask them to please support revenue sharing!

P&Z Commission Meeting April 16

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia P&Z Commission convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Jenny Chissus, Jim Hopkins and Bobbie Sweatt. Commission member Sweatt presided as Chair Paulie Carluccio had an excused absence.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from Special Planning Meeting of March 13 th will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Building Permits

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

This is a < modification to a> building permit for a 28'x 20' garage/shop.

Commission member Chissus detailed the compliance of this modification with existing setbacks and emphasized this was a small change of the original placement of this structure. It was determined through further commission discussion that all parts of the structure would be within the proper setbacks for this lot.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Commission Business

Commission member Blodgett asked where the Commission stood on the Comprehensive Plan. Sweatt advised him to speak with Commission Chair

Carluccio for an update.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2007

Adjournment: time elapsed: 9 minutes, 30 seconds.

GOAC3 Meeting Scheduled for May 8 in Seldovia

News Release

Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition officials (Chairman Freddie Christiansen, Vice-Chairman Charles McCallum, and Staff/Tech Team Gale Vick) are scheduling a trip to Seldovia and other coastal communities in order to meet with local officials and fisherman concerning CAEs (Community Quota Entity.) Local commercial fishermen as well as other interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Additional information concerning GAOC3 and CAE's is available at the following website:

[Click here for additional information](#)

Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter - April 16

Hello again from the State Capitol. The Legislature adjourned for the Easter break on Thursday, April 5th and returned to work on Tuesday, April 10 th. With just a few weeks remaining until the May 16th scheduled adjournment, it will be a busy time in Juneau.

Several key issues will be decided in the coming weeks, including passage of the FY '08 operating and capital budgets, Education funding and other bills of importance. Additionally, both legislative bodies continue to work on the Governor's Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) bill. As you know, this legislation is the next step toward developing a natural gas pipeline. The Senate version of the bill, SB 104, is now under consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB 104 has a further referral to the Senate Finance Committee. Though there is still a lot of debate ahead for the AGIA bill, I am hopeful we will be able to pass it during the regular session.

(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 \(pdf\)](#)

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 16

Greetings from Juneau on this 91st day of the legislative session. Tina is visiting in California to celebrate the wedding of her brother, Bruce, so I am 'batching' it for a week. My staff and I really enjoyed the dinner with the Seward delegation at Kent and Ginny Dawson's home on Thursday. The other non-legislative event this last week has been the annual Folk Festival. We have enjoyed the performances by a number of legislative staff and legislators which included Mary Jane from my staff. The snow piles are about all gone

and we are glad the bomb truck is no longer outside my office window.

I am involved in daily hearings on the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act which will continue through the weekend as well.

Thanks to everyone who called in for the constituent teleconference on Thursday April 12th . We discussed topics such as the funding of education and the fish tax. If you have comments or would like to ask questions of myself or Senator Stevens, please stop by the nearest Legislative Aide office on May 3rd from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, this will be our last teleconference of the session.

NOTICE: Proposed regulation changes for rural airports

The following link has proposed regulation changes for rural airports, now is the time for review and comments on these changes.

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwdav/Documents.shtml>.

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Special Notices

Boys & Girls Club Update

Meth Presentation at B&G Tuesday

You are invited to attend a presentation by Julie Woodworth of the Alaska Meth Education Project. She will be in Seldovia at the Boys & Girls Club speaking about Methamphetamines, **Tuesday, April 24th at 3:45**. Ms. Woodworth is endeavoring to increase the awareness of methamphetamines in Alaska communities. Her presentation is about an hour long and includes testimony from the mother of a young recovering meth addict. The Meth Education Project is aimed at preventing youth from trying meth and educating all Alaskans about the meth problem in our state. She will be sharing information on what meth is, what it looks like, where and how it's made and what the effects are of taking meth. If you have questions about this event please call Marcia Patrick during the regular business hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

This event is sponsored by SVT and thank you to the Boys & Girls Club of Seldovia for sharing their space to make this event possible.

A note from Laurel : The Boys & Girls Club will have alternative programming available if you feel this is not a subject for your child to hear at this time. Please let me know if you would like them to opt out of this presentation.

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

Please keep your dogs at home, not at Susan B. English

The school needs your help in keeping the dogs at home. As much as they love to come up and visit the kids, some kids are not use to dogs and this ends up in a tearful and rough start for their school day. PLEASE keep you dogs at home. There are so many black labs that we have no idea who belongs to who. If it continues it will be a matter for the enforcement of the Dog Ordinances.

Curtis Liberty, Principal
Seldovia - Susan B. English

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

Merchandising Seminar

Are you interested in Merchandising?

Merchandising Seminar SEE project is hosting this Friday, April 20th at 12:00 Noon, Seldovia Conference Center. This workshop is FREE and is sponsored by the SEE project which is funded by an SVT economic development grant through ANA. Limited enrollment available at this time. Call Roseanna McInnes (907-234-7859 x 34) or email: rmcinnnes@svt.org if you want to reserve a seat. The seminar is now open to the public and I have (5) FIVE spots still available. The seminar begins at 12 noon with a luncheon to meet our presenter. The luncheon will be followed by a one hour workshop. An option for 1/2 hour of free consultation is available. Deborah Bonito is the owner of the the Anchorage Airport Gift Shops and large downtown Anchorage retail gift stores.

Of note, Deborah is also the wife of Anchorage Mayor Begich.



Tidbits . . .

Big tides Thursday . . . top images are at the Small Boat Harbor and the bottom images are at the City Dock. Click each image to view full size. Tides were +19.6 ft and - 5.3 feet . . . thats a 24.9 ft tide difference!





City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

The harbor project is nearing completion. In the next couple of weeks the gangway skids will be set, B float conversions will be completed, floatation billets will be added to the dock, all power will be connected, all lights will be operational, and the new transformer will be installed. Decking repair continues as does grid repair. The project is on schedule to be completed by the middle of May.

The City Council will meet in a special meeting on April 24 at 7 PM to discuss the city manager position and the applicants. It is very possible that the council will move into executive session for an in-depth discussion of each candidate. Nothing will be decided in the executive session (as per the Open Meetings Act), but the executive session does allow a candid discussion of each applicant that has signed a waiver to allow the council to confer about their resume.

The [Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition](#) (GOACCC) will tentatively be coming to Seldovia on May 8th to discuss Community Fishing Quotas (CFQ). The meeting will be held in the Multi-purpose building probably in the evening. They will bring packets of information with them but as more information becomes available, I will let everyone know.

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police

The shop door, adjacent to a residence in the East Addition, was reportedly ajar. Investigation into the report resulted in a finding that no forced entry was

made and nothing inside the shop appeared to have been taken. The adjacent residence is not occupied in the winter so the Police took numerous digital photographs of the shops interior and emailed the photos to the owner. It was determined the weather change could possibly have caused a frost heave which popped the door open. The door was secured and no further action taken by Police.

Security checks have been conducted on two homes that are vacant during the winter months and no evidence was found of trespass or entry.

A local resident reported damage had been sustained to her vehicle when someone had either ran into, or backed into, the driver's door. The door was caved in and the window was broken out. Evidence at the scene was indicative of someone backing into the vehicle with building materials on board. A white powdery substance, resembling sheetrock chalk, was found in the impact area of the door. Anyone having information regarding the accident should contact the Police Department. The incident occurred sometime during the night of April 5th or the early morning hours of April 6th. It is possible that the impact could have been absorbed by building material, or other objects, in the vehicle and the person responsible may have not known they collided with the victim's vehicle. If you were in the area during this time frame, had building materials, or other materials aboard, and you turned around near the boardwalk on Main Street, maybe you should do the right thing and contact the Seldovia Police Department.

CE-2 Engineering reported the theft of gasoline from equipment at the City Dock construction site on two separate occasions. Approximately 19 gallons of gasoline is believed to have been taken. Anyone observing any suspicious behavior on the Dock Street site, during the nighttime hours, is asked to contact the Police Department.

A local citizen contacted the Police Department regarding a complaint of noise he had previously reported through the Homer Police Dispatch. He was told the report was not received and he contacted the Homer Police Dispatch who, in turn, called Chief Anderson. Homer Dispatch reported the call had been received on a Saturday morning at approximately 12:10 a.m. regarding 4-wheeler noise and further, that the machines had already left the area. They told the Complainant that, given the circumstances, and the fact that it was not a high priority call, the machines being no longer in the area and the activity they were dealing with in their own area at the time, the decision was made by the Dispatcher not to wake Chief Anderson. This is the same criteria they use with their own Department and they will continue to use this type judgment in future calls, as well.

A local contractor reported a package missing from the airport. The pilot had remembered unloading it in Seldovia and the time it was delivered. It was feared the package had been stolen. Police contacted other persons that were receiving freight on the same flight and no one could say they had observed the package. The package was later found to have been dropped in Nanwalek on the airport. The contractor received the package in good shape and only lost a day in being able to utilize its contents.

A local resident asked for assistance in contacting a friend after repeated attempts to contact him over a month's time had been unsuccessful. The necessary information was taken and a Sheriff's Department in the man's town was contacted. Upon conducting a welfare check, information was revealed that the friend had passed away the week prior to the request by the local citizen. The sad news was relayed by the Police to our citizen.

A teenager was stopped for speeding on his 4-wheeler and given a verbal

warning. He told the Officer he thought the speed limit for ATVs was 25 mph. He was told it was 15 mph in the City and that the Officer had told so many youngsters this he felt it was common knowledge. The classes and presentations given every year at the school always outline the ATV laws and the Municipal Code regulations. Possibly this teenager had other things on his mind during the presentations.

Police responded to the Airport after receiving a report of an alarm going off on a vehicle. Upon arrival it was discovered that the owner had left his key in the ignition and hadn't shut the driver's door tightly and the key alarm bell was activated. The Officer shut the driver's door to correct the problem.

Skeletal remains of animals were reportedly dumped on private property. The responsible party was contacted and told the remains had to be cleaned up. The Officer was told the remains were dumped in hopes some of the wild animals would benefit from the meat left on the skeletons. Arrangements were made to correct the problem.

A local resident reported his furnace quit working in the middle of the night of April 6th. Investigation by the Complainant into the problem resulted in his finding a large amount of a foreign substance in his oil tank that would not burn. A sample of the substance has been sent for analysis but the Complainant fears someone may have possibly sabotaged his tank. Investigation into the matter is continuing.

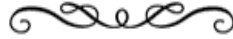
A man reported he was threatened by another party and he wanted the Police aware of the verbal threat. Contact was attempted but the suspect could not be located when the Police attempted to find him. Police will get his side of the story when he is located.

A minor was charged with Minor Consuming Alcohol after he was observed in an intoxicated state. At arraignment the minor pled guilty and was sentenced by Judge Murphy of the Homer Court. Since it was his second offense the minor lost his privilege to drive for three months, received 48 hours of Community Work Service, was ordered to undergo alcohol concealing, received a fine and was placed on probation until his 21 st birthday.

The Seldovia Police Department was called to assist the Anchorage Police Department in a case in Anchorage of possible Child Exploitation resulting from a report lodged by a local citizen. The investigation resulted in a Search Warrant being obtained by the Seldovia Police Department for the search of a local residence where evidence was suspected to be found which supports certain aspects of the Anchorage case. Upon receipt of the search warrant an Officer from the Anchorage Police Department and Sgt. Dunn, of the Alaska State Troopers, came to Seldovia, aboard the Patrol Vessel Augustine, to assist in the search. Simultaneous searches were conducted of the suspect's residence in Anchorage, also entered under the authority of a Search Warrant, and the search of the residence here in Seldovia. Evidence seized in the Search here was packaged and taken back to Anchorage by the Anchorage Officer so it could be inspected and analyzed. The investigation continues in this matter and the Seldovia Police are being kept apprised of any new developments.

The Police and Fire Department responded to the Lakeside Terrace after receiving a report of a fire in that structure. Upon arrival Police were told a frying pan had been forgotten while on the stove and the smoke alarm had been activated. The alarm was silenced by Police and the Fire Department responded. The lingering smoke and its odor were removed from the structure with the use of the Department's portable fan. No injuries or damages were reported in the incident.

Since last report the Police have responded to 1 request for assistance call, have fingerprinted one lady for employment purposes, have provided transportation for one person at their request and have notarized 4 documents.



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