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**PhotoStory
Seldovia Lodge
Burns to the Ground
April 29, 2007**

PhotoStories of Graduation 2007, the seniors Close Up trip and the Craft Invitational Chain Saw Carving Contest will be completed over the next three weeks.

Craft Invitational Chain Saw Carving Contest Don't miss it! May 24-28, 2007



Click here to see the Chambers summer events calendar & event details
1:00 - 3:00 Quilt Show 5/27-28 Sponsored by the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce- at the new location on Main St. (next door to the Post Office) Come in and view quilts made by Seldovians and the Worldwide Postcard Quilt Exhibit (approx. 212 small quilts)

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Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643

School

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



Notices & Newsletters

NEW! ▶ The Seldovia Visitor 2007, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. [Click here to download PDF \(6mb\)](#)

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

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2007 PhotoStories

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Interested in buying this double walrus? It will be auctioned off Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. along with 14 other carvings. Come down to the old cannery lot and join in the fun!

Top Stories

SBE Graduates 2007

by Tamara Blodgett

Their time has come...

Hail to the graduates! They did it! Tonight at Susan B. English School the 2007 Graduates terminated their high school days in fine style and now prepare for their diverse adventures in the adult world. It was a full house at the graduation ceremonies held in the festively decorated gymnasium. The graduates this year were: Dustin Baines, Kyle Burt, Molly Chapman, Naomi Gallien, Jennifer Giles, Tatiana Gruber, Stephanie Lewis and Rachel Payton. Valedictorian Jennifer Giles spoke of fond memories shared with fellow seniors and members of the community. Giles will receive the Alaska Scholars Program Scholarship toward her studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks .



High School graduating class, left to right: Dustin Baines,

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Classified Rates

Kyle Burt, Molly Chapman, Naomi Gallien, Jennifer Giles, Tatiana Gruber, Stephanie Lewis and Rachel Payton.

And the "lone ranger"....

Jr. high promotion to the freshmen class fell on one student who walked the stage to receive his certificate as the only student for the class of 2011. Hooray for Cameren Blodgett, class of 2011!



Junior High graduating student Cameren Blodgett

A fresh voice and story weaver...

Former SBE History Teacher Leah Dubber was obviously delighted to have been invited to speak and spoke intimately and freely with her former students. Her insightful story about climbing a mountain was used as an analogy of similarity to adult life. Life is a challenge to educate and a call to build character, a *lifelong* self-improvement course! Each student received a key; a symbolic key for education, one for character and a ring to combine the two based on advice from the wise. One of her most poignant comments was that one could only go so far with "skills," but can be skill-less and go further with character. What could one do with both? She urged them to meet just such a challenge.

A final farewell...

At the subsequent reception and slideshow, so many photos were presented when our graduates were growing up. How quickly they reached adulthood! As they fly away toward freedom and adventure, a piece of our hearts flies with them. There is not a child of Seldovia that will not be thought of and wished well in their travels to their final destination. Good luck and Godspeed Graduates!

Stay tuned for a Graduation PhotoStory in next week's Gazette!

"Close Up" and Personal

by Katie O'Leary

"I have a political voice and I should use it," this was said by Jennifer Giles when asked what she learned during her experience in Washington D.C. The

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students in the Close Up Group all learned this and much more. Each student agreed that they had a wonderful time and would do it again in a heartbeat. Three of the students from the group commented that their favorite part of the trip was seeing the monuments of D.C. The students' journey began when they arrived in Washington D.C. and checked into their hotel. This began their week of fun and education.



Read the rest of this story on the School page . . . [click here](#).

[Editors Note: The Seldovia Gazette will run a PhotoStory of the Close Up trip in two weeks.]

City Council Meeting May 23, 2007

by Tamara Blodgett

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Acting City Manager and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes and Mayor Dick Wyland presided.

Agenda Approval

Amended agenda approved to move item L-5 to M-7.

Ordinance Introduction

Ordinance 07-04, Amending Section 2.52 of the Seldovia Municipal Codes, Personnel Management

This amendment will include the Union Contract Specifications.

Action: Ordinance was introduced and there will be a public hearing at the next regular meeting.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Planning and Zoning Commission is moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan and would like Council to review the current plan and determine if there are any changes that need to be made which could now be incorporated into the

updated plan.

Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the public to enjoy this weekend's Chainsaw Carving Contest. The times to absolutely not miss would be Sunday at 2PM for the "Quick Carve" and Monday at 2PM for the awards. A quilt show will also be taking place in the new Chamber headquarters in the Multipurpose Building .

Fish and Game and SOS have nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

Michael Foster Conceptual Design and Business Plan for Cannery Property

Michael Foster has submitted a conceptual design for Council review. Foster Representative Gordon Seversen elaborated that the design has been in the "works" for sometime and is now available for City/Council review. The entire structure would be 21,000 square feet with the main structure that would house a marine service repair, fish processing, cold storage and retail would be 12,500 square feet with a separation between the remaining part of the structure that would be approximately 6,000 square feet. This allows for a desired "open space" between the two structures. Additional site development considerations would need careful planning such as traffic patterns and parking development. It was determined that additional copies (6) would be made for each council members' individual review.

Action: No action at this time; Council review.

Blue Fish LLC Lease for Lot 6, Block 4, Waterfront Resubdivision #1, (Cannery Property) (GLOVER)

This is a reconsideration of the submitted lease from Blue Fish LLC. Glover has spoken to owner David Wetzel and he is cooperative and realizes the lease process takes time. Blue Fish has already accepted delivery of 80,000 lbs of fish livers at their Nebraska location for processing and is not in a panic rush to finalize the lease on Cannery Property. Councilman McInnes mentioned that he would not support a structure to be installed in the middle of the old cannery property. Councilman Glover commented that he needs sufficient time to address public comments and concerns regarding the lease structure in addition to more time needed until the new city manager comes on board and can head this up.

Action: Tabled for further review.

Seldovia Island Homeowners Association Maintenance Agreement (Backers Island)

This is an effort by the property owner(s) of Backers Island to determine if the City can institute maintenance on the sewer/water lines that service this area. After Council discussion, it was the general consensus of the Council that this was not in the best interest of the City due to two main reasons. Those reasons are an already beleaguered work crew as well as potential liability. It was also pointed out that the Homeowners Association could simply contract this type of work out to local contractors. City Clerk Ronda Haynes was directed by Council to compose a letter to this effect.

Action: The Council is not interested in pursuing this proposal at this time.

Harbor Update

Harbor Renovation Update May 23, 2007 by Tom Glover, City Council Harbor Committee

Most work and clean up are complete. The contractor trailer should be off the property by the end of next week.

- Replacement of the main water line under the approach and gangway is complete. However, there were a substantial number of leaks on the dock water line that needed repair.
- The new transformer is set and several large rocks will be placed in front of the transformer to prevent vehicle(s) backing into it. The original plan of placing two ballards at that location is not possible due to the large number of buried power/telephone lines.
- The electrical crew will finish up this week and leave next week. All work has been completed except for a few "loose ends."
- B-Float Stall conversions are complete and decking replacement on the last finger floats of B and C Floats should be complete by weeks' end. Cleats should be replaced by weeks' end on B-Float; boats can return to their respective slips this weekend. Please check with the harbor master before mooring your vessel in B-Float.
- The main, "Welcome to Seldovia" sign was destroyed during the Tuesday night windstorm. I will be talking with the Chainsaw Carvers to determine if a new sign can be carved for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend carving event.
- There is a problem with the gangway cover that will be addressed as soon as possible. The Gangway Company mailed the wrong cover and with the current cover style (missing grommets at the end), the cover slides down the ramp. I recommend that we direct the City Manager to write a letter to the company notifying them of the error and that a replacement cover will be needed. We should leave the current cover in place until the replacement is sent. At that time, the covers can be switched out and the incorrect cover mailed back to the supplier at their cost.

In order for the city to sign-off on the Harbor Renovation, Pat McNary from JayBrant has requested a "sit-down" and walk-through of the harbor on Thursday or Friday of next week. This will allow the subsequent sign-off of the harbor project. Ronda Haynes, Tom Keesecker, and Tom Glover will attend on behalf of the City. Former City Manager Kurt Reynertson was an integral part of the process and has been asked to be present for the meeting. Other Council members are welcome to attend OR submittal of questions can be given to Ronda H., Tom K., or Tom G. to read off. **I strongly recommend that at the same meeting, all of the contractors that worked on this job be asked to sit down with the City and compile a prioritized list for work that still needs to be completed when funds become available.** This would include items not on original design drawings because they were discovered after the job was in progress (such as bull rails that looked ok on the exterior but were actually rotten on the interior). If everyone agrees on this approach, I recommend that we hold the meeting in the Multipurpose Room instead of the City Office.

The Council needs to define what the procedure for this final sign-off will be and who will physically sign the final document.

Compilation will begin on a surplus/scrap materials list over the next two weeks, with recommended prices. Some items will be listed as a cost per unit; other items may need to be sold by sealed bid.

Action: No action; information only.

New Business

Seldovia Fuel & Lube – Fuel Tanks, Temporary Location

Alaska Energy Authority Representative Ron Brown presented an update on the Fuel Farm status and replacement schedule. Fuel tank replacement is scheduled for August 1. This replacement is when the original tanks will be cleaned, decommissioned and dismantled in preparation for disposal. Air pressure tests are being performed presently and all gas lines have been replaced with new. 20,000-gallon temporary tanks are on their way to serve as the effective fuel farm in the interim of fuel tank replacement.

Action: The Council Body endorses the temporary location of the tanks.

City Dam Inspection

This Dam needs to be certified on a regular basis and bids for certification have been submitted. Through Council discussion it has been determined that City Clerk Ronda Haynes should get a bid from prior contractors used for certification as their bid was considerably lower in addition to schematics of prior certification.

Action: City Clerk Ronda Haynes will try to obtain a bid from prior certification contractor.

SVT “Coming Home” Request for City Actions (MILLER)

SVT representative and CEO Crystal Collier has asked the City to consider the use of some City property areas for Port-A-Potties. During the tourist season and the important Independence Day “Coming Home” celebration week there is a real need for more restroom facilities. In addition to this, permission was asked for additional camping areas on City property for RV-ERs and a pig roast is scheduled for the Outside Beach Area. It was asked if local Main Street Businesses would contribute a trash can that those businesses would be responsible for during the increased pedestrian traffic of the tourist season.

Mayor Wyland proposed a City area not far from the Slough Bridge that would work for the Port-A-Potties. City property areas are too tight to accommodate RV-ERs at this time. Additionally, if the pig roast area is done to safety codes, it's a go.

Action: Council advocated above actions.

Setting aside funds for Beautification Improvements (MCINNES)

Councilman McInnes would like to see flowers planted in the Harbor area and also the City Building area. Councilwoman Patrick feels some weeding should be done first before additional plants are added. Councilman Gain is concerned about additional outlay of funds before the budgetary issues are settled. Councilman McInnes wishes to have \$300 dollars for plants and \$200 for labor.

Action: Approved materials unanimous; Approved labor 4-2
(Dissenting votes: Gain, Patrick)

Seldovia Arts Council Seeking Support for Cash Sponsorship

Although the consensus of the Council was that the non-profit Arts Council

should continue to be supported by the donations, fundraisers and volunteerism seen by the community, they did emphasize the importance and success of the Arts Council in Seldovia. Councilman McInnes felt the Chamber would be a better venue for this. Mayor Wyland has been especially pleased with the benefits associated with having such a strong Arts Council and the positive impact it has on our community.

Action: Council declaration of unanimous (non-monetary) support for Arts Council.

City Manager Contract (executive session)

The City Council meeting was recessed until 10am Thursday morning, May 24.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2007

Adjournment: Time elapsed: three hours, 30 minutes.

Rep Paul Seaton Newsletter- May 18

Wednesday night the House and Senate finally agreed on a close out package and adjourned just before midnight. Although it was nip and tuck as to whether we would have to extend, this session was a sterling success.

1. The final adoption of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act retained the competitive structure the Governor requested and was improved with committee amendments from both the House and Senate. We will know before the end of the year if we have truly beneficial proposals and if the inducements are enough to get independent pipeline proposals. My contributions were the inclusion in the "must haves" section; a requirement to address carbon emissions from operation of the pipeline and treatment plant, and the clarification that any profit sharing to the state or repayment of the inducement will be calculated in the net value to the state for evaluation.
2. The Ethics reform bill is truly comprehensive for both the executive and legislative branches and includes election campaign disclosure improvements. My contribution was the total rewrite of the blind trust provisions so executive officials can truly avoid conflicts of interests if they desire to use the tool.
3. The omnibus crime bill drew forth many issues to address protection of residents in many situations.
4. The operating budget culminates from the long process of subcommittee meetings and public testimony on every portion, and in the end included a funding of 25% of the ISER cost differential and school improvement grants outside the formula.
5. The capital budget worked out to be the vehicle for including all the temporary solutions to the difficult intertwined problems of the education foundation formula, community revenue sharing and a new equal sharing retirement liability fix. This included another 25% of the ISER school district cost differential, funded outside the formula, and school improvement grants. All of these were done as a one year fix so they can be addressed as an integrated reformulation of education funding over the interim.
6. A task force was authorized to meet until September and propose a rewrite to the school funding formula to fairly educate children across the state.

7. Community revenue sharing is approximately identical to last year with the exception of the addition of a base allowance to unincorporated communities that provide 3 essential services within the borough which Representative LeDoux and I successfully championed.

8. The capital projects for House District 35 communities will be very helpful and address many local priorities.

It is now bright and sunny in Juneau with a bevy of cruise ships arriving each day as we pack up to depart. I trust everyone has had an easy time making contact with my staff and want to thank Mary Jane Shows for her excellent performance as the session staffer at our front desk in charge of scheduling and final production of the newsletters. Katie and Louie will remain as interim staff and Louie will be in the Homer Office on Monday.

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Special Notices

Seldovia Citizen of the Year Nominations

Seldovia Chamber of Commerce is soliciting nominations for the **Seldovia Citizen of the Year**. Nominations are solicited and welcomed from you, the public, giving you the opportunity to honor special people in our community.

HOW TO NOMINATE:

Complete this nomination form and put it in the box either in the post office lobby or, you can mail a letter of nomination to Seldovia Chamber of Commerce, P0 Drawer F, Seldovia.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: The deadline for nominations is *June 12, 2007*

HOW VOTING TAKES PLACE: Chamber members will vote by email on the nominations received. (If you are a Chamber member, you will receive an email ballot on June 13th). If there are no nominees for a particular award category, or if the nominees received do not, in the opinion of the chamber, meet the category criteria, then the chamber reserves the right to forego selecting a winner for that category. **This year – the winners will be notified of their award on the Fourth of July.**

THE CATEGORIES FOR AWARD: *Achievements of the Nominee must be listed on Nomination Form to aid in the decision making process. Nominations without achievements listed will not be accepted.*

1. Citizen of the Year Presented to an individual for continuing or extraordinary service to the community. This individual has donated countless hours of public service, or funds, to a wide variety of organizations and causes, which benefit the entire community. Or, this may be an individual who has otherwise honorably distinguished him/her self through an heroic act, leadership or inspirational role, or other significant event.

2. Business or Non—Profit of the Year Presented to an entity which during the past year has supported community activities and organizations above and beyond what would be normally expected, or whose projects and activities have

contributed significantly to the well-being of the community.

3. Outstanding Community Contribution by a Young Person

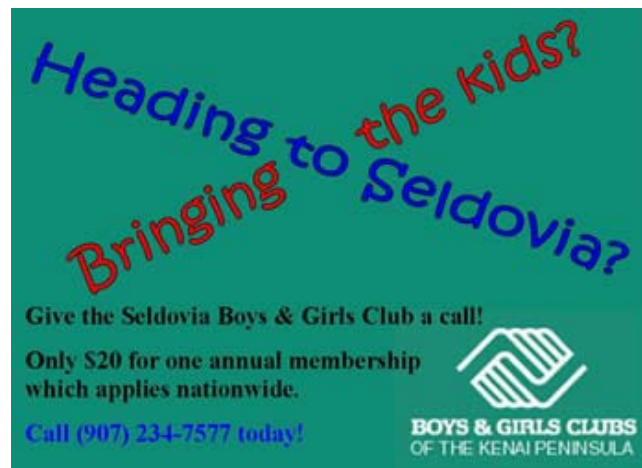
Presented to a Seldovia youth attending **Susan B. English. or home school.**
This award will be based on activities outside of school which contribute to the general improvement or well-being of the community.

Boys & Girls Club Update

Please note that the Club will be closed for annual training from May 21 – May 28. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 29 with our new summer hours. The Clubhouse will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. Pottery will still run on Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Teen Open Gym will happen on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Teens can come to the Club one extra time with the addition of a Teen Club night on Saturdays from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m., and of course they can still attend the Seldovia Village Tribe's Teen Night on Fridays from 9:00 – midnight.

Regular Club Schedule

- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Tuesdays - Saturdays from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Club night: Saturdays 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 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

Tidbits . . .

The carvers have arrived for this weekends Craft Invitational Chain Saw Carving Contest. Don't miss this event at the old cannery site next to the City Offices on May 25 through 28!



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

>> **No Report this week** <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

A summer resident returned to town and found 40 gallons of gas had been taken out of his boat that was parked in his driveway on Shoreline Drive during the winter. He had put 40 gallons of gas in his boat prior to winterizing it and found it empty when he readied it for launch this spring.

An impact nail kit was stolen from the Smokey Bay Airlines office between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock on May 8th. The tool kit was valued at \$130.00. Anyone having information in this or other thefts are encouraged to do the right thing and contact the Police Department.

Police were called regarding a land slide that blocked the Jakolof Bay Road at approximately 7.3 mile. DOT was notified and the road was cleared for traffic.

The SBE School was burglarized and damage was sustained to two doors and three cabinets, including the school safe. \$183.46 in cash and \$718.00 in checks was stolen. As you can see property crimes are on the increase in, and around, Seldovia. I find it sad that there are those among us that will steal money from our kids. This money was Booster Club money that would benefit our school kids. Anyone having any information regarding this burglary is strongly encouraged to contact the Police Department.

A report was taken of a trespass by an adjacent property owner when he crossed the property managed by the complainant to access his land. The complainant was not sure of the boundaries of the property and was making plans to have it surveyed. When Police contacted the suspect he told the Officer the problems had been resolved prior to this complaint when a different manager was in charge of the property and that an agreement had been reached at that time. Because of the facts of the case, and a possible previous agreement being in place, the complainant was told that the case was civil and that an attorney should be contacted and the Court should be petitioned for an injunction prohibiting the crossing of the land, if that was the complainant's wish. Both parties were encouraged to contact one another, in person, and talk about the problem to see if there was a workable solution. Apparently this was not agreeable to either party. No further action was taken by the Police.

A report of a 4-wheeler being in the school parking lot at 2:30 a.m. was taken. No speed or noise violation was reported and the information was recorded.

CE-2 Construction personnel reported someone poured approximately 5 gallons of water in a gas welder that was on the Dock Street construction site. They did not keep water in cans on the site and felt the act was not an accident. This follows previous reports of fuel being stolen from the welders on two separate occasions.

Two 24" orange traffic cones with two bands of reflective tape near the top were taken from the 7.3 mile, Jakolof Bay Road, landslide site. Anyone having information as to the location of the cones is asked to contact either DOT or the Police Department.

Police responded on two separate occasions to open doors of vehicles after the keys were inadvertently locked inside.

A local contractor requested assistance in blocking the road and signaling for a dynamite blast in the East Addition. The explosion took place without any negative results.

A cabin at the head of Seldovia Bay was broken into sometime during the winter months. It is still being determined what all was taken in the burglary. Some vandalism took place and some damage occurred to the residence. The investigation is continuing in this burglary/theft.

Police are receiving reports of dirt bikes being driven on the State roads. They are off road vehicles and cannot legally be driven on the roadways. The public is encouraged to call the Police when they witness the off road bikes on the roadways.

A lady reported the theft of cosmetics from the Smokey Bay Airlines office at the Seldovia airport on May 17th. The cosmetics were valued at \$82.00. With repeated thefts from the airport airline offices it is strongly suggested that anyone receiving packages meet the airplane to insure their delivery. Hopefully, with assistance from the public, we can locate and hold these thief's responsible for their actions.

A flat cargo trailer was pushed over the bank at the long term parking at the airport. No damage was sustained to the trailer but I'm sure those responsible were not concerned either way.

A lady reported gas stolen from her vehicle while it was parked at the Homer Air Service's parking lot sometime during the night of May 21 st. The gas taken was valued at \$50.00. Anyone having information is encouraged to contact the Police Department.

The Police have responded to the Landfill on two separate occasions after receiving reports of bears hesitant to leave when people were present. Deterrent methods were used by the Police and the bears are becoming somewhat more reluctant to visit when people are present. On one such occasion nine bears were reportedly in the landfill. There were two sows with three cubs each and a yearling.

Five bears have been brought to the Police Department for the sealing of their skulls and hides. Alaska Department of Fish & Game laws mandate that all bears taken are reported to the Department and information regarding the kill is taken and the skulls and hides sealed. In Seldovia the Police Department has volunteered to be the contact point for the ADFG in this regard. (NOTE: In

2006 the Police sealed 32 bears of which 30 were males.)

While on the subject of bears; it is the time of the year that we keep our garbage locked up and pick up any and all garbage in the area of our home. Bears will come through but will most probably not return if no edibles are found. If you have a smoke house or a dry house for fish it is recommended by the ADFG that you put an electric fence around the structure. It seems to be the best deterrent they have found regarding keeping the bears away.

Since last report the Police have Notarized 6 documents for the public and have responded to 8 requests for assistance.

With the increase of theft and burglary in the area, I again reach out to the public for assistance. I spend a lot of time in the office keeping records of all that is going on and less and less time in the public as a Police presence. With no clerical help or patrol assistance, I find myself being reactive instead of proactive. I would very much like to be more of a threat to those who find it necessary to take from their neighbors but, with the limited personnel in the Police Department, it is not possible. For this reason I would ask that the public be more alert to the fact that crime is on the increase. Watch over your neighbor's properties as well as your own. Most importantly, report your observations to the Police. I have no doubt we, working together, can put a stop to a lot of the thefts and burglaries. When you, the public, get to the point where you have had enough, things will change but I guess you haven't reached that point yet. The citizens of Seldovia set the tone for the type community you want. I will respond and do what I can to identify and charge the offenders but you have to take some responsibility as well. Stay vigilant and together let's hold those committing the burglaries and thefts responsible for their actions.

