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- ▶ Jeanette Flint, the Gal for the Job



**PhotoStory**  
Susan B English  
Graduation  
May 24, 2007



**PhotoStory**  
2007 Craft  
Invitational Chainsaw  
Carving Competition  
May 25-28, 2007

## Top Stories

### 2007 Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Competition

by Mary Glover

*The 2nd Craft Invitation Chainsaw Carving Contest was the big event this past weekend (May 25-28).*

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## Marketplace



**Jenny Chissus**  
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## School

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



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#### *The contestants were:*

- Toby Craft, Carver (Elaine Craft, Assistant) from Mission, TX
- Paul Comolli, Carver (Mary Comolli, Assistant) from Hoonah, AK
- Steve Curtiss, Carver (Wendy Curtiss, Assistant) from Soldotna, AK
- Stephen Hopkinson, Carver (MaryLu Williams, Assistant) from Kenai, AK
- Scott Hanson, Carver (Sandra Bullock, Assistant) from Soldotna, AK

#### *The judges were:*

- Bill White from Wasilla, AK
- Julie Harris from Homer, AK
- Ralph Stover from Homer, AK

Bright and early at 7:30 AM on May 25th lots were drawn for the logs. Carvers were allowed to trade, but none did. Then the chips began to fly! First the bark was cleaned off the huge logs and then the chainsaws started to buzz. There is an excitement in the air that can only be felt by standing near the buzzing chainsaws. The smell of sawdust fills the air. People came to watch and view the progress. For one hour during each day there was a quick carve contest. The carvers were absolutely amazing as to what they could carve out during one hour! Of course, they could not work like this all the time --- just too exhausting! Our hats are off to the carvers as they worked so hard every day to accomplish the amazing carving feats in only a few days! Other than carving, the carvers and assistants and their families enjoyed the community potluck that was held in the Multipurpose Room on May 25th, the beach party on May 27th, dinners with the host families, and much attention by everyone!

This Seldovia Chamber of Commerce sponsored event was accomplished by the Chainsaw Committee: Jenny and Paul Chissus; Tom and Mary Glover; Kurt and Joni Reynertson; and Mike and Mary Webber. This was the first year that we have been co-sponsored by Bailey's, an on-line catalog company (Laytonville, California) which specializes in chainsaw carving and woodcutting needs. <http://www.baileys-online.com> (There are a few catalogs still available in the new Chamber Gallery on Main St.) Bailey's donated an ECHO Chainsaw which

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was won by Scott Hanson for bringing in the most dollar amount at the auction for his quick carvings.



*The following businesses also donated and were co-sponsors of this event:*

Alaska Tree Tops, Alaska Tribal Cache, Barbara Carlough, Boardwalk Hotel, Bridgekeeper's Inn-Valerie Morin, City of Seldovia with Wayne Flint and Steve Kroll, Crab Pot Grocery, Dancing Eagles, Gerry Willard, Harbors Edge B&B / Charter, Herring Bay Mercantile, Homer Electric Association, Jerry Swanson - Swan House, Jim & Happy Schneider, Linwood Bar & Grill, Mad Fish Restaurant, Nordenson Swedish-Alaska Co. (Capt. Will Brun - Fishing Carter), Seldovia EMS & Fire Department, Seldovia Fishing Adventures B&B and Charter, Seldovia Fuel & Hardware, Seldovia.com, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Seldovia Village Tribe, Tide Pool Restaurant, Trinket Gallien, Mike & Mary Webber (Boat transportation across bay for carvers, etc. Kurt Reynertson/Chuck Gillick-crew, Mike Webber-Captain), Yesterday's Gifts, Main Street Market, and Seldovia Bayview Suites.

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce extends a BIG THANK YOU to all the contributors and sponsors of this event. We could not have done it without the help of all mentioned above.

*The Judges awarded the prizes as follows:*

- Scott Hanson – 1st Prize \$1500 “Black Pearl”
- Steve Curtiss – 2nd Prize \$1000 “Anglerfish”
- Toby Craft – 3rd Prize \$500 “Sea otters”

*VOTE by the Public:*

- People's Choice \$500 – Steve Curtiss “Anglerfish”

We need to stress that the two remaining carvings: the “Totem Killer Whale and Raven” by Paul Comolli; and the “Bull Moose named Sam” by Steve Hopkinson are also fabulous carvings. All carvings will be placed downtown for public viewing at different locations in a protected area.

Thank you carvers, assistants, sponsors, contributors, buyers and everyone who came to see the carvings for a very successful and enjoyable event which started our summer season in Seldovia. All the carvers want to come back next year! See you in 2008!

## Be “Energetic” and Make a Difference

*by Tamara Blodgett*

### *Recent energy conference sheds “light” on conservation...*

This past Tuesday Scott Waterman of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation came to Seldovia to talk about conservation through consumption management



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### Corrections

None this week

of our energy for the individual and businesses. Topics ranged from oil prices at an all time high to making your home energy efficient. This workshop illustrated methods (among other things) to weatherize the home before the crunch of winter sets in.

#### *What can we do locally...?*

Local VISTA representative Jeanette Flint will be working on an energy profile for our community. When all is said and done, individual impact is a drop in the bucket, but community impact fills up the proverbial bucket. AmeriCorps VISTA Program RurAL CAP has committed to helping communities like Seldovia prepare for a future that will use an alternative fuel source to augment the current usage of fossil fuel. Flint noted that in the recent energy conference that she attended up north it is estimated that the amount of fossil fuel availability by 2030 will rival what our collective great-grandfathers had. This supply will be outstripped by the demand of increased population, coupled by society's "throw-away" mindset. Flint stressed that we can *all* do our part to conserve energy *now*. This change could effectively lengthen the timeline for alternative fuel sources to be discovered/fine tuned/ implemented.

#### *Small steps to make a difference for our future...*

With the threat of global warming being shouted from every news source, frustration at what we can do at the local level is high. Education is the key to this dilemma. Waterman illustrated some simple ways that individual people could make a difference. Contrary to popular belief, a home can be too "tight." It is better to have some key ventilation to prevent mold and moisture that will ultimately destroy insulation. Spray-in low insulation foam and caulking are the best friends a home has. Using this on all the "holes" in a house (such as around light switches and outlets) greatly reduces heat loss. Heat moves from hot to cold, so those sources effectively suck heat out of the house like a vacuum. As everyone knows warm air rises. Keeping this principle in mind the attic and basement should be primary targets for insulation with proper ventilation to prevent moisture impact while increasing heat retention. Basement insulation will keep radiant floor heating systems keeping your home warm, not heating a basement.

Of course, the easiest way to make an immediate difference is to change all incandescent bulbs to florescent. Gone are the buzzing "bug lamps" of yesteryear. The new florescent bulbs come in different colors and mimic natural light quite well. Price used to be the main obstacle on florescent purchase. Now, anyone can go to their local Costco or Home Depot and get a 10, 60-watt bulb pack for under \$20. One florescent bulb equals 10 incandescent. Incandescent be gone!

#### *What next...?*

The results Ms. Flint obtains from the energy profile of individual residences in the near future will be critical in determining what direction our community needs to take. Your anonymous cooperation is invited; fill up that "bucket" and participate! After the results are studied, Flint can then begin the process of procuring grants based on our communities unique needs. The projected fossil fuel shortage in the future makes finding alternative fuel sources a necessity. We must not be complacent about our future, but find a viable way to effectively begin to augment our current fossil fuel usage.

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**Sen Gary Stevens Newsletter- May 31**

Kodiak—Senate Majority Leader Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) has been selected to serve on the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force, a special panel established to review state funding of K-12 education. Senator Stevens will join four other Senators, five members of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by the Governor. The group is tasked with arriving at a method of funding K-12 education that is fair to students in the Alaska's 52 urban and rural school districts.

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

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## Special Notices

### *Seldovia Citizen of the Year Nominations*

**Seldovia Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber")** 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.

[Click here for the nomination form](#)

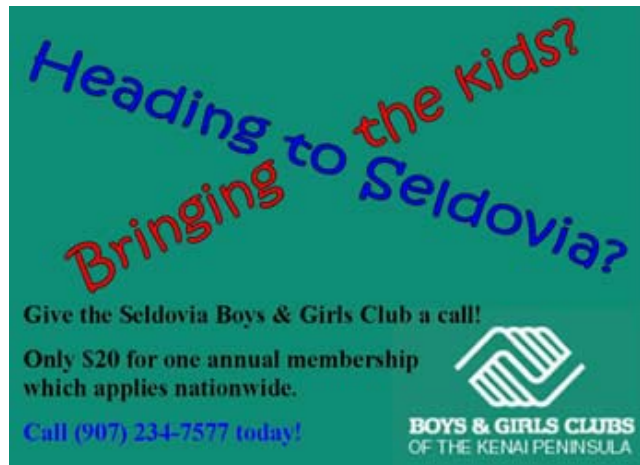
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### ***Boys & Girls Club Update***

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

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#### **Tidbits . . .**

**Congratulations to newlyweds Jaime & Shaun LeBaron, what a great wedding and reception! That's Jaime's mom and dad in the lower photo . . . Russ looks pretty good in that suit!**



**City Manager's Corner** *by Kurt Reynertson*

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

**Seldovia Police Report** *by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

>> **Repeat story** <<

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.

