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Coming Home Week & July 4 Schedules

Click below for daily schedules

Sunday 1st	Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday	Sunday 8th	Week (pdf)

Come join the fun in Seldovia!



Winners of the Rubber Duckie Race


1st Place, \$1500 - Tina Yuth, ticket #303

2nd Place, \$700 - Helen Josefsen, ticket #454

3rd Place, \$250 - Roy L. ???, Ticket #149

Last Place, \$50 - ???, Ticket #304





Electricity Bolt for the Week

Test your water heater temperature by filling a small container and using a cooking thermometer. Your best energy saving is a setting of 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Top Stories

July 4, 2006 Seldovia AK



Coming Home Week

by Mary Glover

Seldovia's largest event of the year is almost here! Starting July 1st we will be celebrating the Coming Home Week. [Please visit the special web site designed for this week.](#) You may print out a schedule of all the events from the [2007 Coming Home Web site](#). Chairperson for the Coming Home Week: July 1-3 and July 5-8 is Trinket Gallien who works for the [Seldovia Village Tribe](#). Special events are planned for each day. Starting July 1st, the historical photo gallery may be viewed daily at the Seldovia Conference Center from 9am to 5pm. Tuesday, July 3rd, is the day honoring the Alaska Marine Highway System (M/V Tustumena and the M/V Kennicott) for being Seldovia's lifeline. The M/V Tustumena is scheduled to come into port on Tuesday. If you see the crew, extend your thank you's for all they do for us. The crews have been encouraged to wear their crew badges for identification purposes. Thursday is "Authors Day" and a book signing (Dana Stabenow, Tracy Philpot and maybe more) is scheduled in the Seldovia Public Library from 2pm to 4pm. (Seldovia has a substantial group of published authors: Mae Sharp (one of our elders); Tracy Philpot; Steve Gese'; Susan Springer; Dana Stabenow; and Tom Glover.)



School

▶ [Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - School is Out!](#)

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Dana Stabenow and Katherine Gottlieb Photo courtesy of Darlene Crawford

Friday will have a softball tournament and the "Not so Ready for Primetime" talent show. Saturday is the day scheduled for honoring the city's elders with Sunni Hiltz in charge of this event. [Check the schedule for many events scheduled all week long.](#)

The [Seldovia Chamber of Commerce](#) and the [City of Seldovia](#) sponsors the 4th of July. This year, the project organizer for the 4th of July is Liza Bieri. Liza has an entire day planned for all our enjoyment, which includes a fireman's pancake breakfast, a 5-K race, the parade, the grandstand festivities, a huge craft fair, an auction of pies, cakes and "Honored Old Crabs," the spam carving contest, an outdoor concert featuring a jazz band with Dan McElrath (sensational musician), games for children and adults, the Rubber Duckie Race, the kayak race and the softball game. This year's Honored Old Crabs are Carl Marrs, Katherine Gottlieb and Don Kashevaroff who will all be in town to ride in the parade, receive the honors and be auctioned for lunch with them on the 4th of July. (Also see the "[Spotlight](#)" page in today's paper.)

Hot News Release from the Chamber of Commerce: Tally is in for the 2007 Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Youth of the Year awards. Winners are: Mary & Mike Webber, Citizen of the Year, the M/V Discovery (Tim Cashman) for Business of the Year; and Adam Ogle, Youth of the Year. CONGRATULATIONS to all! Awards will be presented on the 4th of July.

For those of you who have not made your reservations to come to Seldovia (a bit of advice), do not wait until the day you want to come. Seldovia has planned lots of events, good food, and a very fun time. It will be a day/week to remember!

Our Wonderful Pilot Jennifer Foltz

by Tamara Blodgett

A sacrificial pilot saves passengers...

Passenger Teresa Cook, 24 of Nanwalek summed up the courageous efforts of pilot Jenn Foltz by emphasizing Foltz' calm manner in the face of losing engine power on the June 19th crash that occurred midway between Seldovia and Homer. Cook indicated that it was Foltz' expertise that saved the lives of the three passengers that day. Her efforts to safely land on Yukon Beach while also avoiding just beached kayaks with passengers was skillful to say the least.

Photo Archives

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Corrections

▶ **None this week**



Pilot Jen Foltz

Currently, Jennifer Foltz (Jenn) is in stable but critical condition. Her list of injuries are long: fractured heel and ankle, sternum, cheekbone, broken ribs, bruised left eye socket, injury to the roof of her mouth, in addition to receiving 8 pints of blood upon admission. This list is so disheartening, however, she is stabilized now and the medical staff is positive about the healing of the chest area. Jenn has received surgery to repair the interior of her mouth and will soon have additional surgery to repair her cheekbone area. She will soon be ready to breathe on her own after her bruised lungs have received necessary rest from the chest trauma they received. In a stroke of irony, the people on the beach were in the medical field and immediately jumped into action to stabilize the pilot and her passengers. This coincidence, in no small part, greatly assisted in saving the lives of the fliers.

On a personal note, Jenn has safely flown myself and all the members of my family back and forth between Seldovia and Homer in the two years we have lived in Seldovia. It is no surprise that she responded the way she did. She selflessly sacrificed herself for both the people on the beach and the passengers flying with her. Way to go Jenn(!) courageous to the core!

Please feel free to visit a website dedicated to Jenn with journal entries and up-to-date information on her medical status at www.caringbridge.org. Go to the 'visiting website' and type in **jenniferfoltz**. There is also a second visiting website for Jenn if you type in **jennfoltz**. The **jennfoltz** visiting website seems to be visited more often and has more updates. Currently, she is unable to see visitors but cards are welcome. Please keep Jenn in your thoughts and prayers. On her website she is described as a "Righteous Babe" *and she is!*

Fuel Farm Face Lift Imminent by Tamara Blodgett

Ahead of schedule and lookin' good...

There is a big mint-colored fuel tank that's made its way to the temporary fuel storage area in preparation for the last phases of the tank farm decommission. A long time coming, the tank farm is 3 weeks ahead of the estimated dismantle and decommission timeframe. The temporary tanks are full of transferred fuel with one original tank still holding a small amount of fuel. An original, smaller

tank is being moved to augment the temporary fuel tank.



Brand new tank install ...

Seldovia Fuel & Hardware owner, Dan Blodgett, estimates that all the tanks should be fully decommissioned in the next two weeks. Blodgett was concerned about interruption in fuel service and is pleased with the work progress, as fuel service will not need to be interrupted. After the original tanks are cut-up and removed, the ground will be redone in preparation to install the new pad and liner for the brand new fuel farm tanks.

Not a moment too soon...

In prior articles I have made mention of the age of the current fuel farm tanks. These tanks are estimated to have been installed in the 1930's (photographic evidence confirms this). The most dangerous portion of the replacement was the fuel line replacement. That was successfully completed 6 weeks ago. With that behind them, the crew is now concentrating on the last phase of the project. The fuel farm was in such a state of antiquity, it would be inevitable that *time* was the enemy of the equipment. However, former SF&H owner, Frank Blodgett, got the ball rolling for the grant that eventually allowed the work to be done for a complete renovation. Dan Blodgett finished the work that his father began with finishing the communication, follow through and necessary work needed to make the project happen. Now that it is almost done, the community will benefit from a safe, modern, up-to-code full service fuel station that will serve us for many years to come.

4000 Mile Hike to Alaska

by Tom Glover

Bret Higman, son of locals Dede Higman and Craig Higman, and his friend Erin McKittrick, are doing a 4000 mile hike from Seattle, Washington to False Pass, Alaska.



Per their website, Bret and Erin have dubbed their trip “Journey on the Wild Coast” and it will be an unprecedented four-thousand-mile expedition along the northern edge of the Pacific Ocean, through some of the most rugged terrain in the world. No road or trail follows this steep and fragmented coastline. They’ll be traveling through forests, between islands, around glaciers, and across the tundra - by foot, packraft, and skis. No one has done this before.

They are currently on Day 20 of the trek and have crossed into Canada.

If you want to follow their adventure, they have set up the following website to document the journey:

www.groundtruthtrekking.org

City Council Meeting June 27 *by Tamara Blodgett*

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

Amended Agenda Approved with the following changes: L-2 omitted and L-1 moves to line item L-6.

Ordinance Introductions

Ordinance 07-05, Amending the FY08 Sundry Fees for Pavilion Rental and adding RV Dumping Fees

This is introduction only, with a Public Hearing scheduled for the next regular City Council Meeting on July 11th.

Action: N/A

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Nothing to report for **Planning & Zoning Commission, SOS and Fish & Game**. P&Z Chair Paulie Carluccio was in attendance and summarized the Kenai Peninsula Borough P&Z Meeting.

All questions <for **Chamber of Commerce**> regarding the “Coming Home” Independence Day Week celebration should be directed to Liza Bieri.

Old Business

Resolution 07-17, Setting the FY08 Mill Rate (AMEND)

This is a correction on the *method* of setting the mil rate. The new way of computation will put the real and personal mils' together making a combined figure of 4.6 mils. The separate figures were (originally set at) 7.25 and 4.3 respectively. This change will have the same net impact as the last, separate rates. This mil rate takes effect on July 1st, 2007 .

Action: Approved unanimously.

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

This is an updated, per union contract amendment(s) that addresses antiquated terminology while simultaneously addressing line items that do not fall in line with current union contract stipulations. Specifically, these address holiday, sick leave and related items. It also addresses language changes related to City Manager travel with regard to meals and other reimbursable.

Action: Approved unanimously to adopt.

Discussion of Port Fees (GLOVER)

As reflected in the recently *introduced* Ordinance 07-05, Section 3, Line item 3 will read: Port Fee to read: A fee of \$3.00 per disembarking adult passenger ages 12 and over will be assessed on all commercial vessels carrying passengers for another port into the Seldovia small boat harbor.

Councilman Gain spoke in favor of the Port Fee. Furthermore, he felt that the <eventual> new city manager *and* Public should have input on this matter (with regard to fee amount).

Councilman Keesecker mentioned that this matter would be more thoroughly addressed at the Public Hearing on the 11th.

Action: None at this time.

City Manager Position (executive session)

Action: None at this time

Informational Items Not Requiring Actions

Letter from Loren Leman, MFL & Associates - no action

Next Meeting: July 11th, 2007

Adjournment: Time elapsed, 21 minutes and 32 seconds.

Red Mountain Hike

SVT sponsored a hike at Red Mountain this week for the kids.



Boys & Girls Club Update

The Seldovia Boys & Girls Club is sponsoring The Not-So-Ready-For-Primetime Talent Show next Friday night, July 6th, during Seldovia's Coming Home 2007 festivities. If you have a talent that you would like to share (musical, comedy, acting), give the Club a call to sign up today. If you are looking for a group to be a part of, give us your name and we will get you together with other folks. The performance will be a benefit for the Boys & Girls Club, so we hope you will set aside your stage fright and get on stage for a little fun. Do you have a friend with a great talent? Let us know and we'll track them down!

The Boys & Girls Club is pleased to announce its participation in the State of Alaska's Summer Food Service Program. The Club will be providing meals to all children in Seldovia, ages 6 – 18, free of charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the Boys & Girls Club's Summer Lunch Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club (located next to the Susan B. English School) on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1-1:30 p.m., starting Tuesday, July 10th. Children do not need to be Boys & Girls Club members to participate.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write or call immediately to:
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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

**Heading to the kids?
Bringing to Seldovia?**

Give the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club a call!
Only \$20 for one annual membership
which applies nationwide.
Call (907) 234-7577 today!



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Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours
lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

Tidbits . . .

An angler fish out of water . . . this years 2nd place winner at the
Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest is now on display in a
nice gazebo at the south end of Main Street.
Many thanks to Tom and Peggy Keesecker for building such a
beautiful "aquarium"



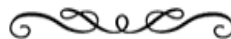
City Manager's Corner

>> No Reports will be available until a new City Manager is hired <<

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

>> No report this week <<





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