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PhotoStory  
Coming Home Week &  
July 4, 2007 Festival  
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**City of Seldovia Job Openings**  
(click job description to view descriptions)

1. [Facilities Maintenance \(pdf\)](#)
2. [Fire Administrative Assistant \(pdf\)](#)

## Top Stories

### Seldovias New City Manager

by Tom Glover

Contracts were finalized and signed on Wednesday for Seldovias new City Manager, Howard Davis. Mr. Davis hails from Cedar Grove, Wisconsin and will assume his new duties in Seldovia on August 13, 2007. Howard and his wife Carol will be featured in next weeks Gazette Spotlight.

## Marketplace



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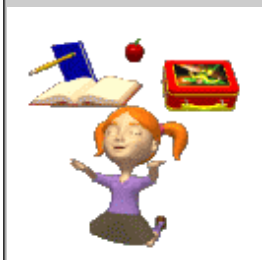


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**School**

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



**Notices & Newsletters**

▶ [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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**Archives**

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**July 4 Seldovia Fishing Derby**

*by Mary Glover*

Fun, fun and more fun!



93# halibut winner of the fishing derby was caught on Alaska Tree Tops Lodge charter boat owned by Corky and Carol Myers. Left is Keith Baker, then Capt. Frank and Karl Baker from Reno, Nevada. Photo courtesy of Alaska Tree Tops

**2007 PhotoStories**

- ▶ July 4 Festival
- ▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
- ▶ SBE Graduation - May
- ▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire
- ▶ SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"
- ▶ SBE Last Home Basketball Game of the Season

**2006 Archives**

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- ▶ Seldovia Walking Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
- ▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2006

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- ▶ July 4 Festival
- ▶ Summer Solstice Music Festival - June
- ▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
- ▶ SBE Graduation - May
- ▶ SBE Spring Concert - May
- ▶ SBE School Play - May
- ▶ SBE Science Fair - May
- ▶ Prom - May
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- ▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.

**2005 Archives**

- ▶ Archive of all pages
- ▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper
- ▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper 2004

**2005 PhotoStories**

- ▶ SBE Christmas Play



The ugly fish winner was this 21 lb ling cod caught by Tom McKearn on Seldovia Fishing Adventures charter boat that is owned by Dave and Peggy Cloninger. Photo courtesy of Seldovia Fishing Adventures



Peggy and Tom Keesecker with their kings! Photo courtesy of Michael Opheim



Rock fish - photo by Michael Opheim

Although not actually part of the fishing derby, Three Old Crabs were displayed

▶ [SBE Halloween Carnival](#)

### Photo Archives

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### Classified Rates

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### Corrections

▶ [None this week](#)

during the parade.



The Three Old Crabs: left to right Carl Marrs, Katherine Gottlieb and Don Kashevaroff. Photo courtesy of Darlene Crawford .

[Click here for a July 4 PhotoStory](#)

## Cannery Property Workshop by Tamara Blodgett

*A grant for building a structure is addressed...*

An opening statement from Mayor Dick Wyland spoke to economic development that directly sustains the city's viability. The current proposed structure for installation on the 'cannery property' is just the thing that works to this end. With the inclusion of a sheet pile dock, this would expand the useable space by approximately 45%. This expansion would allow for either a complete cannery operation or multiple marine support facilities. It also makes this sight a perfect choice for maritime accessibility for moving product. Wyland emphasized that this is the *last* property that is both industrial *and* adjacent to the city dock. The primary industry should be one in which the preceding features are crucial for operation of said industry.

*A tight timeline makes for quick determinations...*

Although several future workshops are planned it is crucial that we receive (immediate and continued) public input for structure size, layout and type of building. The next workshop is planned for this Monday at 7PM . With a deadline of September 1 for federal funding that may be upwards of 1 million dollars, getting decisions made on the above will need to happen to make this building a reality.

*Current public input runs the gambit...*

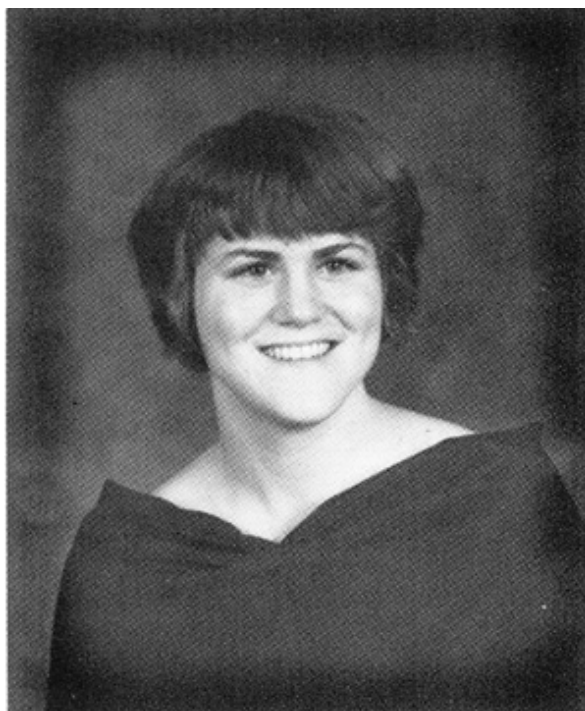
Several members of the Public spoke about design ideas with a marine repair facility topping the list. There is a long waiting list for marine repair in adjacent Homer. Having such a facility would service residents as well as transient vessels. Also mentioned was value-added product processing as well as an ice plant facility (it was clarified that those two operations go hand in hand). A Laundromat and shower facility would be another possibility for the facility. A comment in favor of a convention-type center as a second story was made with an industrial marine facility on the first floor. Wyland restated the *fact* that the zoning is *Industrial Marine* for these nine lots and that the direction of the building's plan would be toward businesses that complied with that zoning. Travel was listed as the biggest obstacle to whatever business was decided

upon. However, if travel is taken out of the equation, it was emphasized that there were no discernible detractors to operating a business (conversely, only positives).

The next step for Council will be drawing up a document for submittal based on the public consensus of prioritized businesses. The Public is strongly encouraged to attend Monday's workshop to help this process move forward.

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## Heather Haynes Obituary



Heather Haynes - Susan B English Class of 1978

Former Seldovia resident Heather Haynes passed away July 14, 2007 after a long battle against cancer. Heather leaves two children in Juneau, her mother Marge, her father Evan, a sister Christine from Wenatchee Washington, a sister Karen in Kentucky, a brother Nathan from Salt Lake City, and Philip from Colorado Springs. She will be laid to rest in Haines, Alaska .

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## Special Notices . . .

### *Boys & Girls Club Update*

Hello, folks! We're in Week 2 of our summer lunch program at the Boys & Girls Club. Here's what we've got on the menu for the kids this week:

- Tuesday Ham & Cheese Sandwich with carrots, applesauce and milk
- Wednesday Spaghetti & Garlic Bread with cooked broccoli, bananas (hopefully!) and milk
- Thursday Egg Salad Sandwich with fresh cucumbers, peaches and milk
- Friday Cheese/Ham & Ritz Cracker Stackers, with carrots, yogurt and milk

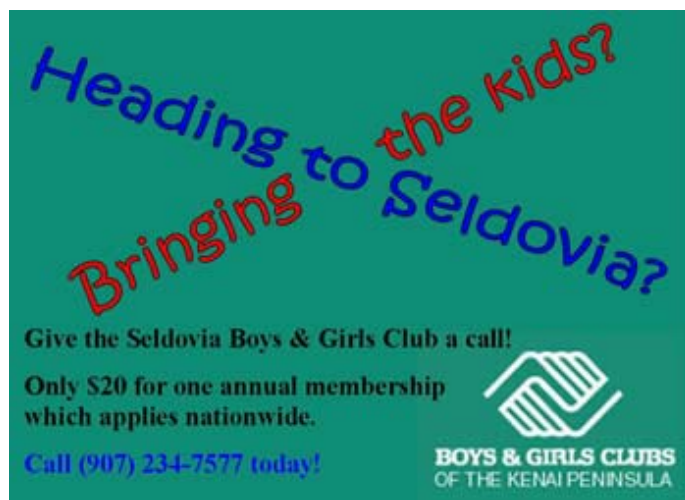
- Saturday Chef's Choice – leftovers day!

Lunch runs from 1-1:30 p.m. each day. All kids ages 6-18 are welcome. Need not be a member to participate!

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  
hilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

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#### Tidbits . . .

[Clam digging at Kasitsna Bay . . . are we having fun yet???](#)



### 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

**>> Repeat Story <<**

Two light bars off the two old Police vehicles in the fenced yard on Anderson Way were stolen. One of the light bars was located but one is still missing.

Police unlocked the door to a vehicle following a report that a man had locked the keys inside inadvertently.

Two ladies requested their fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes.

Police were called to the Seldovia Landfill after a small yearling black bear refused to leave the area. Police responded and deterrent methods were used to discourage the bear's presence.

Police were called regarding a Domestic Dispute that was in progress. The matter was handled informally and no arrests were made. No physical violence had occurred and the subjects involved decided to end the matter peacefully after talking with the Police. No further calls were received in this matter and no charges were filed.

A 9 year old boy reportedly was assaulted by another 9 year old youngster. Due to the circumstances of the case a report was filed with the Office of Children's Services, Juvenile Intake Division.

The Linwood Bar presented a "Beer Garden Permit" and outlined the plan for the garden over the 4th of July and it was signed by the Chief of Police.

Police responded to the Jakolof Bay area after receiving a report of an attempted Arson. The investigation revealed an accelerant was used in two different locations in an attempt to burn a log cabin. One entry door to the cabin had been ignited but had been extinguished before it could do a lot of damage. The occupants of a cabin near the log cabin were able to extinguish the fire. A youngster 10 years of age was found to be responsible. The case has been

referred to the Alaska State Troopers for follow up. The case will be referred to the Officer of Children's Services, Juvenile Intake Division.

Police observed an adult riding a 4-wheeler on Jakolof Bay Road in a negligent manner. A citation for "Negligent Driving" will be issued. Prior to delivery of the citation the man left Seldovia due to work. The Police are awaiting his return to the area for service of the citation.

An intoxicated man refused to leave the bar after being directed to do so by the bartender. The Police became involved and the man decided it was in his best interest to vacate the premises.

A disturbance at the bar, which spilled over into Main Street, with 4 people involved, is under investigation. When the investigation is completed the case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office in Kenai for review on Assault charges.

A citizen complaint that a door was open to a vacant structure was followed up and the owner of the building was contacted and told. He didn't know the door was not locked and was told to make arrangements to have the building secured.

It appears someone backed into a 4-wheeler with a vehicle and a substantial amount of damage was sustained to the machine. No information was left with the 4-wheeler and it is unknown who is responsible. The law requires information be left with the damaged vehicle informing the owner who was responsible. Anyone having any information regarding this "Hit and Run" is encouraged to contact the Police Department.

Fire wood was reportedly stolen from a residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision sometime within the last month. The wood was kept next to the driveway at the residence.

A skiff was reported to be stolen from the Seldovia Lagoon area but was later located tied to a piling off the Boardwalk. Possibly the high tide took the skiff off the beach and someone located it drifting and tied it up. No damage was found and all that was left in the skiff was still there. Thank you to whoever did take the time to protect a neighbor's property.

A ring, found at the Outside Beach Park, was turned in to the Police Department. If you have lost a ring contact the Police and describe it. It could be we are in possession of your jewelry.

Over the week long holiday the Police conducted traffic control for the Biathlon, the Salmon Shuffle and the 4th of July parade. No traffic problems were reported in these three events and no injuries occurred.

A black bear was into garbage at the Outside Beach Park and Police responded and attempted to haze the animal out of the area. They succeeded in running the bear up a tree, where he spent the entire day. Some persons in a vehicle were observed by campers to come to the area and shoot at the bear with either BB guns or pellet guns. If these people can be identified charges will be brought. Anyone having any information regarding this incident are encouraged to contact the Police Department.

A report of a vehicle off the road on the Outside Beach Road resulted in an investigation by the Police. The driver stated she swerved to miss a black bear and ran off the edge of the roadway. The vehicle was removed from the embankment by the use of heavy equipment. The driver, her two passengers nor the two dogs that were in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the accident. An

accident report will be filed with the State. No further action taken by the Police Department.

A 14 year old boy visiting Seldovia was stopped on a 4-wheeler on Jakolof Bay Road after he was observed to be driving too fast. He did not have the vehicle registered with the State of Alaska and did not have an operator license himself. He was sent home and the laws were explained to him. He was told to refrain from operating the vehicle until both he and the machine were legal to be on the roadways.

Three dirt bikes were stopped on Jakolof Bay Road after they were observed by the Police. The operators told the Officer they brought the bikes to Seldovia on their boat and thought they were legal on the roadways since the 4-wheelers were allowed. The laws were explained to them and the Officers were told their boat would only carry the bikes and was not big enough to haul 4-wheelers. A suggestion was made that possibly a bigger boat should be purchased because the dirt bikes would not be permitted on the roads.

A report of an eagle with its upper beak gone was received. With assistance from other citizens the eagle was captured and shipped to the US Marine Wildlife Refuge in Homer.

They told the Police other birds have been brought to them with the same problem and they have been very successful in building a beak with epoxy type materials that is used while the beak again grows out. They said the beak grows much like a person's fingernail and they felt confident they could, in time, return the bird to the wild.

Police were called in the early morning hours to respond to a residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision after a visitor refused to leave the complainant's residence. The man had departed prior to arrival of the Police. Alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident.

Police were called and told a lady was creating a disturbance on Main Street. Upon arrival the lady told the Officer she was upset because she had lost her cell phone and no one would assist her. Her vehicle had also stalled at the location and this furthered her frustrations. The Officer attempted to locate the ladies cell phone but was unsuccessful. The vehicle was jump started and the lady was able to proceed to her home. No further action was taken by the Police.

A cell phone found on Airport Avenue was turned in and the owner was located and the phone was returned. Items that are found should be turned in to the Police Department. Many of the people losing items call the Police Department and give addresses or phone numbers in the event the item is turned in.

A visitor reported approximately 15 gallons of gasoline was taken from his aircraft during the night of July 6th. He was very sure of the amount as he had just fueled up prior to coming to Seldovia. Tampering with aircraft is a Federal offense and charges can be brought under Federal Statutes. Anyone having any information regarding this, or other such crimes, should contact the Police with the information.

A black bear was reportedly in the garbage at the Outside Beach. Police responded and found the garbage cans had been gone through and quite a mess left behind but the bear was gone when the Officer arrived.

A vehicle was reportedly damaged on both sides and the tailgate when someone

keyed the pickup. Heavy scratches were observed and repairs will include having to repaint the vehicle. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Police Department.

A very small cub bear has been reported in the areas around the Inside Beach. The bear is very small and is said to be too small to be separated from its mother however she has not been seen. The bear is into the garbage cans and on the decks of the residences in the area. This could create a major problem if mom were to show up. When in the area be very aware of your surroundings and back off if you do observe the bear or its mother. This is a good practice anytime you are hiking in bear country.

Reports were received of 4-wheelers harassing campers in the area of the Outside Beach over the Holiday. It was reported youngsters on 4-wheelers were going through camp sites and spinning around throwing sand and rocks all over the camps and tents. They were said to be driving at a high rate of speed and creating a hazard for others in the area. If anyone is placing others in harms way, they are breaking the law. If you have youngsters who ride 4-wheelers, make them aware of the laws and the restrictions placed on motor vehicles.

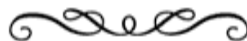
A mother called the Police Department requesting a welfare check. Her two sons were visiting and she hadn't had contact with them since the 4th of July. Upon checking it was found the father had taken the boys to a lodge for fishing. The lady was called and given the information and she expressed her gratitude and was very relieved to hear all was well.

A young boy who was visiting the area over the holiday was stopped on Jakolof Bay Road for speeding on a 4-wheeler. He did not have a license and his machine was not registered with the State. He was staying on McDonald Spit and the Officer escorted him to that location and told him to park the vehicle until both he and the machine were legal to be on the roadways and he was further told to slow down.

A report of damage was received after the two padlocks, which were used for locking the gate on Rocky Road just east of the Landfill, were cut off with, what appears to be, bolt cutters. The chain on the gate was also reportedly cut with bolt cutters last month. This constitutes the crimes of "Criminal Mischief" and "Trespass". Anyone having any information regarding these two incidents is asked to contact the Police Department.

Since last report the Police have Notarized 17 documents and responded to 4 requests for assistance.

We are actually edging into the 21st century. Alaska Communication Systems, (ACS), is now installing an antenna which will facilitate the use of cell phones in the Seldovia area. As you know the signal was somewhat hit and miss and you rarely got to finish your conversation if you were fortunate enough to get a connection in the first place. That will, hopefully, now be a thing of the past. The mobile antenna is being placed at the ACS site above Helen Josefsen's property. A permanent installation is planned in the future. Chris Crosta, who has a home on Shoreline Drive, as well as other ACS employees, have been working on this project for quite some time. If you see them on the street let them know we do appreciate their efforts. This will certainly be of great benefit to all of us who communicate on a regular basis in our businesses. Thanks again Mr. Crosta and all the ACS employees who made this possible.



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