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Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007

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City of Seldovia Job Openings
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Top Stories

Seldovia Slides into Cell Service *by Tamara Blodgett*

The "COW" comes to town...

In a much-anticipated move, Alaska Communications Systems (ACS) has hurtled an agreeable Seldovia into the 21st century with the installation of a new cell tower. The "COW" or Cell Tower on Wheels is our new communication facilitator. The test calls were made last week and the "go ahead" was given to ACS reps Lee Knowles and Laurie Phillips to visit Seldovia with phones and plans in hand!

Marketplace



Jenny Chissus
234-8000

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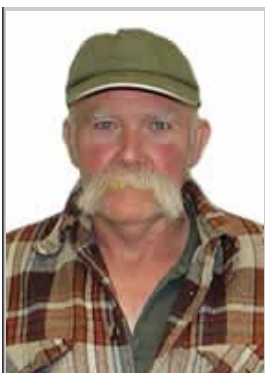
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Herring Bay Mercantile
Seldovia, AK

Support the
Seldovia Sea Otter Booster Club
Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!

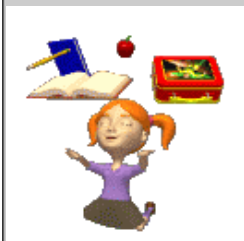


Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent
The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
Harbor Master
(907) 234-7886
City Office (907) 234-7643



School

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



Notices & Newsletters

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

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2007 PhotoStories



A warm reception received...

There was a buzz like bees to honey around the table in which Lee and Laurie sat. The two women brimmed with enthusiasm about the opportunity to offer this new service to a city of almost 300 souls. In fact, ACS just got Kodiak “tuned up” for service a mere 18 months ago. What, would we ask, would make ACS responsive to Seldovia so quickly with such a small number of residents? That would be perseverance, ACS rep Knowles commented. Knowles indicated that it was Seldovia’s persistence in getting signatures for a petition, coupled with continued interest and resident contact to ACS that got the job done. Knowles mentioned that statewide there are lots of “cows” being put out to a lot of different pastures right now. This trend (cell phone tower installation) is expected to continue.

What plans are available...?

There was a vast array of different phones to be had. In addition, low-end phones (for the budget conscious) were nearly free with the signing of a contract. A financial benefit to Seldovia customers will be the waiving of the standard \$35 dollar activation fee.

For an “average” statewide calling plan of 500 minutes will cost \$39.95 monthly. A nationwide plan would cost \$59.95 for 500 minutes. The best value is the “ACS ON” Program. This program offers unlimited minutes for \$120 per month. This plan is comprehensive and includes free nationwide calling (including Canada), no roaming, largest nationwide coverage, free mobile to mobile and nights and weekends. Another convenience is people that are not currently with ACS can fulfill their contract with their current carrier and by switching to ACS can keep their old cell number. For a full disclosure of different plan choices, please visit the ACS website at www.acsalaska.com.

Geagel & Bateman Wedding

Saturday, July 21, 2007 . . . a very good day!

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Mikie, Michelle, Sammi, and Dakota



Michelle with her parents Frank and Maryann Agli



Mikie with his parents Connie and Mike Geagel

Photo Archives

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Classified Rates

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Photos courtesy of Michelle Bateman, Don Kashevaroff and Maryann Agli.

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Important: Comment Deadline on Vessel Discharge Permits is Close

News Release

>> Repeat Story <<

NPDES EPA Vessel Discharge Permits *may be* required for **ALL** vessels – comment deadline August 6, 2007.

EPA is seeking information as it considers how to develop a water permit program for pollutant discharges incidental to the normal operation of commercial vessels and recreational boats.

Vessel owners or operators whose discharges previously have been exempt from Clean Water Act requirements will require a permit beginning Sept. 30, 2008 . Regulated discharges may include ballast water, bilge water, deck runoff, and gray water. Approximately 143,000 commercial vessels and potentially more than 13 million state-registered recreational boats and more than 25 different types of vessel discharges could be affected.

On the Web - (Click each link below for the document)

- EPA is seeking public comments and data to help the agency develop the permitting framework
- EPA Press release
- EPA website fed Reg notice June 21
- Fact sheet on district court ruling

• **Marine Exchange of Alaska**

"...Although the Government is appealing, this court ruling has great potential for causing a monumental train wreck and nightmare for anyone who operates any kind of watercraft from a 950 foot containership to a 14 ft outboard..."

*This notice is from United Fishermen of Alaska
Compiled by Elaine Riot*

Special Notices . . .

Obituary - Harold J. Grof

September 2, 1922 - August 3, 2007

Mr Grof grew up in Atkinson, NE, served in the U.S. Army during WWII and moved to Fremont, NE where he was employed by Lou's Sporting Goods. Funeral: August 7th, 10:30am, Fremont, Nebraska; Military graveside services will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Fremont, Nebraska.

He is survived by his wife Josephine, Joseph (son), Kristine (daughter) & Todd Burt of Seldovia, 3 sisters- Eleanor Frickenstien, Evelyn Grof & Mary Katherine; Nikki Grof & Kyle, Alyssa & Derek Burt all of Seldovia; grandchildren-Ellie Mickelson of Seldovia, and Lexyn Grom of Lincoln. If you need additional information please call (402) 721-4490

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

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!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE KENAI PENINSULA

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

Tidbits . . .

Summer flowers aren't going to be around much longer . . . enjoy them while you can!



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*

Due to the exorbitant amount of time that is taken up researching and writing this report I find it necessary to use a somewhat less informative format. Hopefully those of you who read the Police Report religiously will understand and forgive me for having to make this change. Hopefully, when things slow down, or I get some clerical assistance, we can revert back to the old reporting method.

Due to bear problems Security was held on a residence so some children could get personal items from their home.

Two 27 gallon gas cans, full of gas, were stolen from a skiff in the Seldovia Harbor.

Police searched for two men reported overdue in the Seldovia area. They returned off the Otter while the search was underway.

A bear trap is being used to relocate problem bears. One has been relocated.

A loud hailer speaker was reported stolen off the Harbor Master's building.

Civil papers were served on a local resident at the request of another Police agency.

A camper was reportedly camped on Jakolof Bay Airport. The campers were gone upon arrival of the Police.

An unattended camp fire was extinguished at the Jakolof Bay Harbor after it was found vacated by the Police.

A man reported his vehicle was damaged after someone collided with it while he was not present. The person responsible has yet to come forward.

A report of a camper being observed with a rope on a baby moose in the Jakolof Bay airport vicinity was taken. The camper could not be located when Police responded.

Damage was sustained to the chain link gate at the "Old Landfill" site. The gate was damaged when a 4-wheeler ran into it repeatedly.

A report of an overturned vehicle in the Barabara Heights Subdivision was taken but the operator has yet to contact the Police.

A fence located on Main Street was damaged by persons unknown.

A tire pump was reportedly stolen off a 4-wheeler while it was parked on Main Street near Wheeler's Grocery Store.

A water shut off stand pipe was run over by heavy equipment. It is unknown at this time if any damage occurred.

A tent, used to house a boat in the boat haul out facility, was damaged sometime during last winter or this spring and the damage is indicative of damage sustained when hit by heavy equipment.

Police are investigating a roll over accident that occurred in the Jakolof Bay

area where a pickup truck rolled onto the beach at Jakolof Bay near the old mill site.

13 – 15 gallons of gas were reportedly stolen from an airplane that was parked on the Seldovia Airport apron approximately 2½ weeks ago.

Police took a lady into “Protective Custody” after she was observed disoriented and exhibited irrational behavior. She was transported to the Homer Hospital for observation and evaluation

Police responded in the early morning hours to a local residence after receiving a noise report due to an adult party.

Since last report Police have received 17 reports of black bear in the vicinity, did 2 security checks on a vacant residence at the request of the owner, have Notarized 4 documents and have responded to 2 requests for assistance.

