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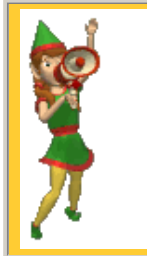
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Gruber- Grosdidier Tie the Knot by Mary Glover



On August 5, 2007 at 3:00 PM, Timothy Lee Grosdidier and Michelle Cecilia Gruber were united in marriage during a ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Anchorage. Tim is the son of Butch Grosdidier and Kathy Gottlieb (both of Anchorage). Kathy Gottlieb was one of our "Honored Old Crabs" during this past year's 4th of July Festival. Michelle Cecilia Gruber is the daughter of long-time Seldovians, John and Dianne Gruber. Michelle grew up in Seldovia and many of us can remember when she was just a little girl! Her family dates back several generations in Seldovia. Michelle's husband also spent some of his

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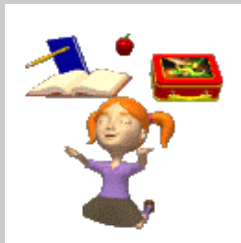


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youth years in Seldovia. A reception followed the ceremony at the Bill Sheffield Depot. The couple are united in family with son Caleb King and daughter Cecilia Marie Grosdidier. **Congratulations to the happy couple and the family!** (Thank you to Gruber family for providing the pictures and information.)



Backhoe Takes the Plunge

by Tamara Blodgett

Non-fatal accident a stroke of luck...

In a near-miss Seldovia Slough slide, Seldovia Fuel & Lube's (SF&L) backhoe nearly ended up in water when it was driven off Jakolof Bay Road across the street from Seldovia Cementary.

SF&L provide rental service for the Case Backhoe regularly with this rental not being an exception. Last Sunday, CEII Heavy Equipment Operator, Lloyd Berkberger, rented the backhoe in an effort to complete some side jobs for two local residents. He had finished the first job and was making his way "out-the-road" for the second job when the machine was driven off the shoulder, where it flipped upside down, sliding down the embankment and falling just short of the slough.

It was an absolute miracle that Mr. Berkberger was not severely or fatally injured in this incident. Local general contractor, Jim Hopkins, was "Johnny-on-the-spot" with efficiency and was able to quickly get the crane, extract

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and right the backhoe in an upright position where it is now in the capable hands of mechanic Rick Harkness. Damage does not appear to be as bad as it could have been. Chief Anderson is doing a complete investigation into the cause of the accident. Thankfully, there was no significant impact to human life.

Editorial comment: I would like to thank Chief Anderson, Jon-Jon Colberg, Tom Glover, Jim Hopkins and Josh Patrick for their help.



How do you rescue a rolled over Case backhoe?



Call in Jim Hopkins and his big boom P&H crane . . .



Gently lift that 10,000 pounder up to the roadway . . .

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Corrections

▶ None this week



And carefully set it back down on its wheels . . . Nothing to it, right??? The experts always make it look easy! This little feat got Jim a standing ovation from the 30 or so onlooking spectators!!!

Chamber of Commerce Meeting September 6

by Mary Glover

This month marks a new chapter in the history of Seldovia's Chamber of Commerce as the newly elected President, Darlene Crawford, officiated at her first meeting of the 2007-2008 season. 'Thank you's' were given to outgoing President Mary Glover and outgoing Secretary Paulie Carluccio. The new Secretary, Shirley Hurley, was welcomed and Peggy Keesecker, Treasurer, was acknowledged for all the work during the 2006-2007 term. Vice President Joni Reynertson was not able to attend today's meeting and was missed.



Seldovia Chamber of Commerce President Darlene Crawford

The meeting was held at the beautiful Alaska Dancing Eagles B&B, located on the beautiful Seldovia Slough. It was hosted by Kris and Judith Lethine, the owners. The luncheon was well attended and the food was absolutely

outstanding. Next month, the potluck meeting is scheduled to be held at the Alaska TreeTops Lodge with Carole and Corky Myers as hosts.

The Chamber would like to thank everyone donated baked goods for the recent Bake Sale last Labor Day Weekend. It was reported that the Bake Sale grossed about \$500 in profits and this money will be used for the Chainsaw Carving Contest next May, 2008. The Chainsaw Committee Members will be meeting this week to start the process for next year's event. The quilt pictured below will be raffled and proceeds will go to the Chainsaw Carving Contest. The quilt was donated by Valerie Morin of the Bridgekeeper's Inn.



Judith Lethin's delicious buffet



Bake sale on Labor Day Weekend



Seldovia Mayor Dick Wyland was certainly happy with the bake sale!



Quilt for raffle- proceeds to go for the funding of the Chainsaw Carving Contest

Other business of the day: Peggy Keesecker reported that many businesses in Seldovia are going to advertise in the Milepost 2008 issue. The body voted to donate \$100 to help maintain the road to Red Mountain. The Chamber also voted to prepare a resolution to present to the City Council to rescind the ordinance concerning the recently imposed passenger port fee and visiting vessel fee. It was the Chamber's position that these two fees were detrimental to a healthy tourism economy. The Chamber also voted to participate in an Across the Bay Tour/Lunch on Sunday, September 30th. We will be entertaining people who are visiting the Homer Chamber and these are people who are travel agent, travel writers and hotel concierges. Tom Hopkin's vessel will bring this group from Homer to visit Seldovia. Barbara Carlough is the contact person for this event. The Chamber also plans to host a "Seldovia Night at the Movies" in the Chamber's location next to the post office. (Stay tuned for more information at a later date.) Proceeds will go towards funding the Chainsaw Carving Contest.

It was also announced that the Chamber is looking for a Chairman for next 4th of July Festival. If anyone is interested in organizing this all-day party, please contact Darlene Crawford 234-7668.

Trinket Gallien reported that 6,258 visitors were recorded coming through the SVT Visitor Center from May 30th to August 15th.

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Seldovia Crafters

by Mary Glover

On Labor Day Weekend several of the Seldovia artists held a Craft Fair, together with the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce Bake Sale. Not all the crafters are featured below. Paulie Carluccio had a table with jewelry for sale and Leny Buckman, watercolor artist, is also not pictured. The crafters plan to hold more Craft Fairs as time marches closer to Christmas.



Dede Higman, Potter



Carole Zeien, Jewelry Maker



Cheryl Reynolds -
Designer Light Switch Covers



Sandee Elvsaas, Artist, and young shoppers!

9/11 a Day to Remember

Author Unknown

On Tuesday, September 11th, 2007, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this anniversary of our country's worst tragedy. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms. In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patrioti sm pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity.

Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

Fly an American flag of any size on 9/11.

Honestly, Americans should fly the flag year-round, but if you don't, then at least make it a priority on this day.

Thank you for your participation.

God Bless You and God Bless America

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter

Greetings from sunny Homer. I have recently returned from the last in a series of education meetings which are summarized in this newsletter. I also have included an update on the status of District road projects. I hope everyone has a safe and festive Labor Day. Items covered in this news letter include the following:

- Joint Legislative Education Task Force
- District 35 Road project update
- Non-Stip projects
- Travel around the district
- Advances in senior housing

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Special Notices . . .

Fuel Tank Farm Update

Seldovia Fuel Tank Replacement will not have 24-hour pump credit card service as reported in the August 16, 2007 article in the Seldovia Gazette. There has been a change and an update will be given when new information becomes available.

Public Meetings Kachemak Bay Ferry Project

Seldovia Native Association, Inc. will conduct agency and public scoping meetings to discuss the proposed Kachemak Bay Ferry Project. Information will be available for review and project personnel will answer questions and gather input.

In Homer on September 18, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center conference room, 95 Sterling Highway.

In Seldovia on September 19, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Seldovia Village Tribe conference room, 228 Main Street.

For further information or to submit comments, contact Holly Morris, Environmental Coordinator, at (907) 696-6200 or by e-mail at hlm@mlfaalaska.com. You may also fax comments to (907) 696-6202.

Boys & Girls Club Update

Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Hours:

Clubhouse: Mondays – Fridays, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pottery: Mondays, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

SVT's Teen Movie Night: Fridays, 9:00 – midnight

Karate Lessons: Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Music Lessons: Saturdays, 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Tidbits . . .

One by one the Tank Farm replacements are set in their permanent locations. The schedule still looks like the end of September for completion.





City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

>> No story this week <<

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

>> Repeat Story <<

The following report is from August 16, 2007 through August 28, 2007.

- Three black bears were brought in for sealing purposes.
- A black bear was killed after it had entered a local residence on three separate occasions. The Defense of Life or Property (DLP) paperwork was filled out and forwarded to the Department of Fish & Game in Homer.
- A man was verbally warned when his vehicle was observed to have expired license plates.

- A local man was cited by the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement for the feeding of wild animals after halibut had been observed to be placed near his residence on the roadway.
- Police gave a presentation to teachers and staff of the SBE School regarding “Lock Down” procedures and the Police response in the event a lock down would occur.
- A man reported a suspicious person in the vicinity of the Russian Church. Contact was made with the man and he told the Police he was taking a nap in that location.
- Police served a subpoena on a local citizen regarding an upcoming trial in Homer Court.
- A letter of the person’s character was written upon the request of the local citizen.
- An ATV side by side was stopped and a verbal warning was given after the vehicle was observed to be speeding on Main Street. The ATV speed limit is not in excess of 15 MPH.
- Police were called after a man locked his keys inside his vehicle. Repeated attempts proved fruitless and other arrangements were made by the owner to unlock his vehicle.
- Some new bicycle parts were found on the roadway and were turned in. If you recently bought bicycle parts from Homer Saw and Cycle come to the Police Department and describe the parts to regain your property.
- A review mirror on the driver’s side of a pickup truck parked on Fulmore Avenue was broken out sometime during the night of August 24th between the hours of 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. Anyone having information should call the Police.
- A vehicle parked on Main Street in the vicinity of the Tide Pool Café was entered and a pistol was stolen from under the seat around the dinner hour on August 5th. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Police.
- A cell phone was left on the table at the Starving in Seldovia Mobile food wagon. The battery is too low to determine the owner. Anyone having the capability of charging a Samsung Blueberry phone is asked to call the Police so the phone can be charged to find out who the owner is.
- A parked vehicle was observed to have an expired registration. A written warning was placed in the vehicle requesting the registration be renewed.
- Two 55 gallon drums of gasoline, approximately 60 gallons, a trash pump and a small green tote were reportedly stolen from a raft in Jakolof Bay within the last week.
- The Police have Notarized 8 documents and sealed 3 black bears since last report.

