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Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007

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- None currently

Spotlight

- ▶ In Memory of Evelyn Ruth (Wheeler)(Hopkins) Apperson



PhotoStory
Coming Home Week &
July 4, 2007 Festival
July 1-8, 2007



Our deepest sympathies
to the family and friends of

Evelyn Ruth (Wheeler)(Hopkins) Apperson

July 5, 1928 - September 29, 2007

(Click here for this weeks
Seldovia Gazette Spotlight on Evelyn)

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Unofficial October 2, 2007 Election Results

Issue	Seldovia Vote	Borough Vote
Prop 1 - Senior Tax Exemption	Yes 71 (66.36%) No 36	Yes 4273 (55.60%) No
Prop 2 - Term Limits in the Assembly	Yes 48 No 57 (54.29%)	Yes 4130 (53.96%) No 3524
Prop 3 - Term Limits on the School Board	Yes 43 No 62 (59.05)	Yes 4051 (53.05%) No 3584
Board of Education		
Sunni Hilt	82 (84.54%)	577 (95.85%)
Writ-in	15	25



Certified Election Seldovia City Council (1 year seat)

John Carluccio	43 (Win)
Happy Schneider	28
Write-ins	17



Certified Election Seldovia City Council (3 year seat)



Keith Gain	73 (Win)
Allison Miller (Write-in)	36 (Win)
Other Write-ins	24

Certified Election Prop. 1 : Create a Seldovia Port Authority?	
Yes = 48 (Win)	No = 47

Top Stories

Chamber of Commerce Meeting October 4

by Mary Glover

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce met today for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Alaska Treetops Lodge. The hosts for the meeting were Carole and Corkey Myers. Darlene Crawford presided as President.



Some of the Chamber Members attending the Chamber Meeting today. Pictured in the foreground is Andrea Morris, visitor this day, who is the new beautician in town.



A scrumptious potluck buffet was served.

School

▶ **Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - 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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Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ SBE Spring Concert -
May

▶ SBE School Play - May

▶ SBE Science Fair - May

▶ Prom - May

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.

2005 Archives

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▶ Seldovia Summer
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▶ Seldovia Summer
Gazette Newspaper 2004

2005 PhotoStories



Allan Baldwin, Community Associate for the Pebble Project, was one of the guests at the meeting.

Chairperson Barbara Carlough reported the great success with the FAM Trip (Familiarization Trip) of September 20th. Red Mountain Marine brought 18 people who are travel agents, travel writers and representatives from the Homer, Tok and Kenai Chambers of Commerce. These people were given a tour of the town and a luncheon at the Seldovia Conference Center (ATC). Later on that day after these people returned to Homer, an additional six people came from the Homer B&B Association and also were given a tour of Seldovia. Comments were made such as, "I had no idea Seldovia had so much to offer... We certainly had a great time and want to come back."



Mike Webber, one of the drivers for the FAM Trip, says goodbye to Jenny Martin, Homer Chamber of Commerce, at the Jakolof Dock. The participants were transported to Seldovia by Red Mountain Marine (water taxi) with no charge to the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. Red Mountain Marine is owned by Tom Hopkins.

▶ [SBE Christmas Play](#)

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Corrections

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Beautiful Crab Bread made by Chris Wheeler for the FAM Trip Luncheon .



Chocolate Fountain by Valerie Morin for the FAM Trip Luncheon.



Pictured is FAM Trip Chairperson Barbara Carlough and two (Katie and Ariel) of the three SEE project students. Students and Barbara were responsible for the display about Seldovia seen in the background. Great Job!

At the meeting, Mary Glover, announced the plans for having a "Friday Night at the Movies" in Seldovia. A film debut made by Robert Purpura are currently scheduled to view on October 12th. Look for the public poster notice on this. The new Chamber location next to the post office will be the location for anyone to come to a night at the movies. Time of showing will promptly start at 7:00 PM. This will be a weekly affair until movie supplies run out. The movies will be shown on a large screen. Any donation will be appreciated. All proceeds will help fund the next annual Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest to be held next Memorial Day. The first film will be "Salmon Set Net Fishing in Kachemak Bay." Movie duration is approximately 30 minutes.

Peggy Keesecker, Chairperson for the Seldovia ad in the Milepost, reported that it was almost completed and she was excited that Seldovia would be very well represented. She felt very confident this ad will market Seldovia in a very positive way.

Carole Myers reported that she has found a source for bricks that can be imprinted. The Chamber has decided to be able to start a beautification project by selling bricks and creating brick walkways by the brick sponsors. Look for more on this project as it develops.

Peggy Cloninger reported that several charter fishermen expressed their displeasure to Dave Cloninger with the \$5.00 docking port fee. Peggy felt this fee is going to be very detrimental to the businesses in Seldovia. There was some discussion about this topic at the meeting. President Crawford, per motion made at the last meeting, had prepared and submitted to the City Council, Resolution 2007-2, Request for Reconsideration. This document respectfully requested a rescission of the \$1 port fee for disembarking passengers.

At the meeting we decided to look into obtaining a permit to hold a raffle at the Halloween Carnival. (More about the raffle item at a later date.)

The final item to come before the meeting was: Laurel Hilts, Director of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club stated that there will be a luncheon meeting on October 12th for the purpose of forming an endowment fund to support the club. All are welcome to attend. Monies for this fund are guaranteed to stay in Seldovia.

P&Z Meeting October 1

by Tamara Blodgett

The P&Z Commission convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Jenny Chissus and Chair Paulie Carluccio. Jim Hopkins and Bobbie Sweat had excused absences. City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes.

Consideration of Site Plans

Building Permit Submitted by Camille Turner, Lot 7B, Block 8, Seldovia Townsite

This is a request by Ms. Turner to construct a post & beam platform, 24' in

diameter by 8' high to receive yurt structure.

A yurt is a tentlike dwelling of the Mongol and Turkic peoples of central Asia, consisting of a cylindrical wall of poles in a lattice arrangement with a conical roof of poles, both covered by felt or skins.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2007

Adjournment: Time elapsed: app. 30 minutes

Camp of Champions at Hoonah

A taste of boot camp, wrestling style...

You may ask the question, "Where did 5 teenagers disappear to this August?" They did not choose to run off to a wile-away-the-summer camp. Oh no! They chose to enroll in a tough-as-nails, military style wrestling camp run by Steve Glassey from California. Aside from the Hoonah Camp, Glassey runs another in eastern Washington and two more in California. Coach Blodgett says the number of camps is around twelve, some with different emphases. This intensive regiment includes 4, 2.5-hour practices per day. Two of those practices are physical with the other two centering on moves for competition. The boys "sprang" out of bed each morning at 5:50AM to begin their day, which did not come to an end until 10PM each night.



Exhaustion and determination butt heads...

All things being equal, *all* the attendees needed to eat and drink everything that was provided to keep up with the grueling regime. Most of the boys slept between their practices to energize for the next. Blodgett said that in one day they drank 15 gallons of Tang! That is a thirsty bunch of boys! Some boys wrote about their experiences in a journal. They also learned, "The devil is bald!" Poor Glassey! This seasoned instructor was more than ready for the challenge of whipping the group into shape, reluctant or gung-ho and all in who fell in between!



Another bout of travel...

Though Seldovia athletes are used to traveling, it was still a long haul to get to Hoonah (which means, “village by the cliff”), population 860 in the 2000 Census. The group drove to Anchorage , where they flew to Juneau then finalized the trip with a commuter flight into Hoonah. This community, like Seldovia, is only accessible by boat or plane. Receiving more rain than Seldovia because of its southeastern locale, it is nearly the same latitude at a slightly warmer 58 degrees. Blodgett said it was like coming home to a bigger Seldovia. The coach and boys were able to do a brief amount of sightseeing just prior to settling into the camp mode beginning that night.

Some respite albeit cold...

Blodgett said one day the regular morning workout was “canceled” and was substituted with a 4-mile run to the ocean. All jumped in and swam to a waiting boat. They were cold, but the much-needed switch in routine was great for morale! The level of required intensity for the duration of the camp taught the wrestlers the important lesson of competition needed to achieve success. The unique situation that faces Seldovia is our wrestlers have a limited pool of “wrestling mates.” This environment is counterproductive to increase competitiveness. Traveling to a camp to wrestle strangers from all different environments and of different temperaments was just what was needed to raise the bar for our guys.

Out of the 21 members of the camp, 20 passed. Kids from the following areas attended the camp: California , Wrangle, Washington , Cia, Petersburg , Hoonah, Seldovia and a few others. Introspectively, the close-knit group learned a lot about wrestling, and a lot about themselves.

Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update

Parent Spotlight: Each month, local businesswoman and Club parent Jenny Chissus generously donates money to the Boys & Girls Club on behalf of her realty clients. These funds were used to provide free guitar lessons all summer long. Each Wednesday, folks of all ages were able to come up to the Clubhouse

to play guitar with instructor Rob Rurka, and to pick up some new skills. From beginners to advanced, the opportunity was a great one for all involved, and now guitar music can often be heard in the air at the Club. Thanks, Jenny, for your fantastic and ongoing support of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club.

Clubhouse Hours: Mondays – Fridays from 3-6 p.m.
 Power Hour: Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
 Pottery: Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
 Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

Karate Classes:
 Beginners – Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m.
 or Wednesdays & Fridays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Intermediate – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 5-6:30 p.m.

Music Lessons:
 Bass Guitar - Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.
 Electric Guitar – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.
 Acoustic Guitar – Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
 Drums – Saturdays from 1:00 – 6:00 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 . . .

Seldovia Termination Dust - October 4, 2007 . . . that special time of year when we all start dreaming about building a snowman!



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

>> Repeat Story <<

City Manager's Report 9/13/07 to 9/25/07

- Trooper Contract is still under study. I expect that we will have it finalized by the next City Council meeting.
- Canner Property Development is progressing well. One estimate for building cost has been received, Michel Bieri has supplied his letter of intent and the Pre-application form is complete.

- Village Safe Water and CRW Engineering are in town and inspecting the water/sewer system in preparation for construction next spring.
- Both City DPW positions have been filled.

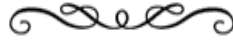
Seldovia Police Report by *A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

>> Repeat Story <<

The following report covers Police related incidents from September 14th through September 28th.

- A local contractor reported two electric impact wrenches were stolen from his shop sometime within the last three weeks. The tools are valued between \$700.00 and \$800.00.
- A report of a man being threatened by a tenant at a housing complex initiated a Police response. Contact was made and it was apparent alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident. The matter was handled informally and no problems have since been reported.
- A youngster riding a very loud 4-wheeler was contacted and told his vehicle had to park the vehicle until he quieted it down, preferably with a stock muffler.
- As reported in the past Gazette Police Report, Police responded when it was thought Bald Mountain Airlines had an airplane down in the Seldovia area. It was a matter of the aircraft being low on gasoline and the pilot going onto the beach the east of the harbor to await fuel being delivered.
- A wife called the Police after she repeatedly attempted to call her husband and could not get an answer. Upon checking with the husband it was found that the phone had not been heard. The man was told to contact his wife.
- The USCG called the Police to check the harbor and surrounding area for an overdue 27' aluminum boat with three persons aboard. The weather was inclement and the boat did not return to Homer on the evening before the search. The boat was not found in the Seldovia area and Police suggested the Coast Guard check Port Graham Bay, Dogfish Bay and Port Chatham Bay. No further reports were received so it is assumed the boat and all aboard were found in tact.
- Youngsters were observed breaking the windows on a bus that was parked in a summer resident's yard. The owners are in China but have been notified via email and have responded to the message. Investigation continues in this matter.
- Just prior to midnight on Friday night, 9/21/07, a call of excessive noise was received in the area near the Boy's & Girl's Club on school grounds. Police responded but no one was present when they arrived.
- A man reported he was out of town for a few days and his house was forcibly entered and items taken in his absence. He is compiling a list for the Police but was already aware of a number of CD's being taken as well as meat from the freezer. The burglary occurred in the Barbara Heights Subdivision.
- Police assisted the SOS Team in removing their work skiff from the harbor so it can be repaired and made ready for the upcoming winter when it is needed to travel to and from the two CISPRI barges which they moor across Seldovia Bay.
- Police assisted the Maintenance personnel in removing two boats from the water and blocking them up in the Cities storage facility.
- A security check was done on a residence in the Barbara Heights Subdivision after a report of suspicious activity taking place at that location. Nothing was found to have been disturbed and no forced entry was observed at the residence. The owners were out of town at the time of the report.

- Either on 9/27, in the evening hours, or on the morning of 9/28 someone hit a ladies vehicle in the left rear quarter panel and then left without leaving any information or contacting the owner or Police. On the evening of 9/27 the vehicle was parked at the Post Office and on the morning of 9/28 the vehicle was parked at the Tidepool Café. Anyone having information is asked to contact the Police Department.



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