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Our deepest sympathies to the
family and friends of

Todd Jackson

April 8, 1941 - October 2007

Top Stories

Hilts Seated Successfully

by Tamara Blodgett

Sunni keeps shining on the KPSB



Local resident Edith-Helen Hilts (Sunni) was seated again for the Kenai Peninsula School Board by overwhelming democratic voice in her district at 96%. Locally, Hilts won by a huge majority claiming 85% of the vote.

Term limits shot down...

New term legislation (which did pass) made voting a confusing process this election. The crux of the "term limit" was that any duration of term was considered a "term." This would mean (for example) that someone resigning mid-term, would have a replacement serving out the remainder of that persons term. When the replacement wished to run for another term, that 'fill in' stint

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would be considered a "term", regardless of length. This inequitable term length could effectively wipe out the entire board as it stood, leaving the most junior member to "carry the torch" for the body of issues the board had started. Continuity would be lost, not only with "face familiarity" at the legislative level, but follow through on critical issues would be impacted. This possible turn over would be destructive to what the primary motivation for the board is; *our children and their education*. It is interesting to note that in 4 out of 5 districts with incumbents that could have been limited, they did not pass, including District 9 (Hilts district.)

Fruits of her labor...

The KPSB's attorney made it clear that the proposed term limits for the school board were not "constitutional," and advised the board accordingly. The State of Alaska has authority over education unless they have delegated that responsibility to a local entity, which they have not in the case of term limits. Hilts did not campaign really at all and certainly not publicly about the proposed term limits. Hilts said she supports and respects peoples right to vote and thinks the democratic process works beautifully. People can vote and make their candidate selection known. In this way the people speak and their representative is seated. Hilts is grateful for the support from voters to serve another term on the board and is "thrilled" about her recent seating.

Farewell to Lunch!!!

by Darlene Crawford

It was with sorrow that SVT's Senior Citizen Lunch chef, "Han" cooked that last community luncheon for Seldovia's Senior Citizens on Friday, October 15.



Photo courtesy of Darlene Crawford

The Tribe has been negotiating with the State of Alaska since June, to continue the funding that has provided the lunches. The grant ended June 30th of this year, but SVT has continued providing those lunches through the negotiations, but the State has not awarded the grant for this year, so the lunch program for the community elders has ended.

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Photos courtesy of Darlene Crawford

The Lunch program began around 20 years ago, with Sandy Murray as the first project director for the program, she worked for many years, grant writing and directing the project. Marcia Patrick assumed that role after Sandy and is still with the program today. There have been many excellent cooks and cooks helpers over the years. Kyongnan "Han" has been the cook of more recent, with Rachel Payton as her helper. Helen Josefsen and Gail Waterbury cooked for many years, and Carole Booth cooked in the early years as well as Marcia has cooked. Gladys Yuth, Debbie Hecks and Mary Austin have been helpers.

The congregate lunches were prepared and served at Lakeside Terrace's Community Room, where a welcoming jigsaw puzzle was always on the table in the corner. The Senior Citizens did some other fun things together as well as had lunch under this program. There were trips, clam digging, birthday parties, a visit to Red Mountain, getting blood pressure checks and other activities for the group.

This program has provided local employment as well as great healthy lunches for Seldovia's elderly three days per week - if you were over 60 you could receive a good nutritious meal for a suggested donation of \$3, or less if you couldn't afford to pay. (In the last year, the price went up to \$4 per lunch). No one was turned away if they needed a lunch. The income from the meals could never pay for the lunch received, thus the need for the grant. The meals were all planned with nutrition in mind, and so provided a needed service for some people who may not have afforded or were not able to prepare the food they needed. With an average of twenty (20) Seniors receiving lunches three times per week, the services will be missed.

The Seldovia Village Tribe wishes to thank those that faithfully participated and



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Corrections

None this week

supported the program throughout the years. Thank you to those who volunteered in any of the many aspects of the program over the years. We will miss those conversations at the lunch table and all of the smiling faces.

Seldovia City Council Special Meeting October 16

by Tom Glover

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Tom Glover, Keith Gain, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller, and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Wyland presided, with Deputy City Clerk Mary Klinger taking minutes and City Manager Howard Davis in attendance.

Newly elected Councilman John Carluccio was sworn in on Wednesday, October 17th, 2007 before the executive session of the prior day was reconvened.

New Business

Resolution 08-07, accepting Transfer in Ownership of the Jakolof Bay Float

"The Department of Transportation is prepared to budget a lump sum amount of \$380,000 for the deferred maintenance condition of the Jakolof Bay Float payable to the City of Seldovia upon transfer of ownership."

Answers to the questions raised at the last meeting were presented:

1. The City liability insurance will cover Jakolof Bay Float at no additional cost.
2. The payment will, in fact, be a lump sum payment of \$380,000.

Continued discussion raised no negatives and the decision was made to accept ownership of the dock.

Action: Approved unanimously.

Transportation Issues (possible executive session)

Discussions continued on transportation issues that the City of Seldovia faces now and in the near future. The Council went into executive session based on "... matters, the immediate knowledge of which, would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city."

The executive session was recessed until the following day. Council came out of executive session and there was no additional discussion.

The following motion was made:

Direct the mayor to send out a formal letter based on the City Council's suggestions that address the Cities concerns with local transportation issues to the Kachemak Bay Ferry Project and those federal, state, borough and local entities that are directly involved with these issues. A copy of this letter will be made available to the general public after all entities have acknowledged receipt of the letter.

Action: Approved unanimously .

City Manager Report

The \$454,000 Denali Commission grant has been clarified and it is for the small boat harbor, not the City Dock.

Both position in the City Maintenance Dept have been filled and the City Manager would like to welcome Manfred Kirchner and Matt Gallien to the cities staff.



Manfred Kirchner

Matt Gallien

Work on the remaining man hole cover "pot holes" that have not been re-covered after the VSW work over the past 3 weeks should be completed in the next few days. Thank you for everyone's patience, we know it has been a mess.

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items not on the Agenda

Congratulations (from Council members) were given to Mr. Carluccio for his recent, successful bid for the one year seat on Seldovia City Council.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2007

Adjournment: Wednesday, October 17

City Council Workshop October 16

A workshop was held to discuss several items relating to the Village Safe Water (VSW) work on Seldovia's water and sewer system. Agency representatives present at the meeting included the following:

- Lynn Marino, VSW
- Bob Gilfilian, VSW
- Susan Bulkow, Dept of Environmental Conservation
- Scott Forgue, Dept of Environmental Conservation
- Steve Evavold, Remote Maintenance

Topics of discussion primarily centered around issues relating to water quality, filtration plants and a criteria review of filtration by avoidance.

Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update

Program Highlight: Each school year the Boys & Girls Club sponsors the Power Hour after school homework program at Susan B. English School . Available to all ages, this program features the tutoring of Club staff Vivian Rojas and Ronene Gain. Students are fed a hearty snack before hitting the books to ensure their homework gets done. Vivian and Ronene work hard to keep up to date on all of the work that is assigned for each class, as well as help track individual work to see that it is being done correctly and in a timely manner. Thanks to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District , students have access to computers for projects, the library for research, and they can also connect with teachers still in the building if they are looking for extra help. The funds for Power Hour come from a State of Alaska Title V grant awarded to the City of Seldovia to help prevent youth delinquency and to assist families in our community. For more information about this valuable program, contact the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director, Laurel Hilts, at 234-7577.

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 . . .

Fall is a great time in Alaska . . . (that's picture is not from Seldovia by the way, it's in the Summit Lake, Alaska area)



**But don't forget that this is coming soon . . .
 that's a photo from October 12!**



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

>> **No Report this week** <<

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

The following report covers Police related incidents from September 28th through October 18th, 2007.

- A vehicle was reportedly in a ditch on Young Street. The operator told the Police he swerved to miss a dog and ran off the roadway. The driver could not be located the night of the report.
- Police responded and attempted to locate a howling dog during the early morning hours after receiving a call that the dog was keeping people awake. The dog could not be located that morning but was later observed howling in the same area and was identified. The owners of the animal were contacted and a verbal warning was given.
- A vehicle was reportedly off the roadway at approximately 2.3 mile, Jakolof Bay Road. Investigation revealed the headlights on the vehicle were inoperative and the driver was attempting to drive home using his flashers. Police blocked the road while the owner removed the vehicle. A verbal warning was given regarding driving without headlights.
- A man reported he was bitten by a dog that was being walked on a leash by its owner. The investigation revealed the dog did have all its shots and the owner stated the dog had never been aggressive like that in the past.
- Someone, using a spray paint can, vandalized a vehicle by spray painting words on the side of the vehicle and covering a couple windows with spray paint.
- A report of a 4-wheeler speeding and driving without headlights after dark were received and Police approached the parent of the suspect and asked that he talk to his son about the problem. He insured the Officer he would do so.
- A smoke report was followed up and a control burn was found to be taking place in the vicinity of the cemetery.
- A 911 call of a black bear up a tree off Airport Avenue was taken. Police observed a large black bear in a tree in that area and waited for the bear to climb down. The bear came down after dark and the Officer lost track of it. No further reports of the bear in that vicinity were received.
- Police have been checking vacant structures for security purposes. No

entries have been discovered at this time.

- Police assisted the Maintenance Department personnel in the pulling of three boats from the water and into the boat haul out facility where they well are stored for the winter.
- Police found damage to the tail light on a vehicle parked at the airport. Investigation continues in this matter.
- A homeless lady was contacted following her setting up a tent on private property in the City Limits. She was asked to camp in the RV Park or the Outside Beach. She made arrangements with the City and Police assisted her in moving her camp to the Outside Beach Park.
- A report of noise coming from a home when the owners were out of town was taken and a security check on the residence failed to reveal any entry or trespass. The owners will be notified upon their return to town.
- Police were notified of an abandoned vehicle on the Borough roads in the Barabara Creek Subdivision and the owner was contacted and asked to move the vehicle. After a number of conversations and no response by the owner, Police impounded the vehicle.
- Police assisted DOT in identifying the abandoned and derelict vehicles in the Airport parking lot. Anyone wanting to dispose of a vehicle in that area is asked to contact George Oliveira and he will dispose of the vehicle at no cost to the owner. A plan to impound and dispose of the derelict and abandoned vehicles is to take place in the spring of 2008 at the owner's expense.
- The owner of a local residence called the Police Department and requested a security check on his home. Police responded and no evidence of entry was found.
- Police received a 911 call of a woman threatening suicide. She had left the residence and the husband did not know where she had gone. Police searched for the lady and, after a time, located her. After some conversation the lady insured the Officer she was not suicidal and no further action was taken by the Police. Alcohol was a contributing factor in the domestic dispute.
- A report of a man urinating off his porch during daylight hours was received. Charges of "Indecent Exposure" will be brought in this matter.
- Civil papers were served on a local resident at the request of the Alaska State Troopers.
- Eighteen documents have been notarized by the Police since last report.

