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SBE School
Christmas Play
Dec. 18, 2007*

HEA Power Outage Update

Wednesday, Dec 26

Thanks to a break in the weather the HEA crew was in the Seldovia area to begin putting things back together. There are 8 spans of line on the ground in the Little Tutka Bay area. It will take at least a couple of days and maybe longer to make the repairs. But the crew was able to clean things up along Jakalof Bay Road and restored service to that area Wednesday afternoon. The outage Wednesday in Seldovia from about 10 am to 1 pm was due to a problem with the generator. That was taken care of and by Wednesday evening HEA was serving Seldovia out to the end of the Jakalof Bay road with the generator. The area between Jakalof Bay and McKeon Flats remains without power and will continue to be until we can finish the line repair work in Little Tutka area.

Top Stories

I Need a Little Christmas Vacation Now!

by Rochelle Purpura

Well I think you all know what time of year it is. The time where you're rushing to buy those last minuet gifts and you wait until the last minute to put up the tree. Yes, it is the holiday season and everyone is in full on Christmas mode, including Susan B. English School. As always around this time of year, the school put on its annual Christmas Program, which was not complete without a very festive play.

This year, as in years before, the undertaking of the play fell on the shoulders of Miss Hilts who took the responsibility gladly. The play she chose was called, "I Need a Little Christmas Vacation Now," and if you didn't get to go to the play on Tuesday the 18th you missed out. The long/short of the storyline was about a group of students that got snowed in at school and thought they might miss their

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Christmas vacation. The storyline was rich with wonderful characters and upbeat musical numbers.



Before the play even started we got to meet two crucial characters, Ralph and Betty, a pair of janitors that gave the play a bit of teenage comic relief. Two high school students that are active in drama, Tim O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura played Ralph and Betty. The play got off to a good start with Mrs. Bornheimer's class on stage doing an opening musical and dance number along with the junior high choir. We even got to meet a girl named Mabel, played by eighth grader Amanda Gain, who just can't get enough of talking on her cell phone!



After the scene ran through, the crowd was introduced to the Advanced Drama Club, who had several funny lines to say while on stage. Each person on stage portrayed a well recognized figure from plays long past; like Matthew Gain as Julius Caesar and Joel Blodgett as Romeo. During their scene in the play the announcement came through that the students would be stuck at school and from there the play kept rolling.

Then came a song for those wishing for some warmer weather. As a fiesta raged on stage fifth grader Levi Blodgett performed his solo. When that song was done a sweet number called "Santa Be There for Me" started to play with a solo

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by Gavin Elvssas. After much needed mock food fight it was time for more musical fun. The junior high choir got on stage while Lily Kroll started off a nice song called, "Christmas With My Friends" that just warmed your heart all the way through.



The great finale of the play was a visit by Santa Clause played by sophomore Derek Burt, with a reprise of the first song. With that the play wrapped up nearly three weeks of work. Long play practices, line memorization and even wardrobe multifunctions. Yet in the end the play had a valuable message: that Christmas is not about what you get, or even where you go on vacation, Christmas is about spending time with the people that you care about. *Thank you Miss. Hiltz* for putting together another wonderful production!



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SBE Wrestling at State

by Tamara Blodgett

Top placer in three years...

Susan B. English Junior Jordan Geagel did just what he was seeded to do and placed third in the two hundred and fifteen pound weight bracket last weekend

in Sitka . With a tough, deciding match that went into double overtime, it was hard-won placement.

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Senior Timmy O'Leary was seeded sixth and wrestled hard but finished ninth in the one hundred seventy-one-pound weight bracket. Only the top six finishers place at state. This upset was a tough loss on a senior that worked his heart out this season. O'Leary enjoys the competition as a three-season athlete. He is playing basketball currently and will move on to track this spring.



Geagel placed fifth last year as a sophomore. His third place victory at Sitka ups the ante for his senior year. Geagel made the decision to join the team mid-season and was worked hard by Coach Blodgett to get up to speed. His victory is made all the sweeter with focused training crammed into just six weeks of practices. Blodgett says the first and second place finishers in his weight class were seniors and they'll be gone next year. This makes way for a possible state championship next year by Geagel (the first from Seldovia since 1988). Way to go Geagel!

Christmas Lights Contest Winners *by Tom Glover*

Winners take home some healthy HEA credits!

Seldovia Chamber of Commerce and Homer Electric Association are pleased to announce this years winners in the Residential and Business Christmas Lights Competition. The winners were voted on by four different groups of judges on Thursday evening, December 20th.

Residential Winners



1st Place: Alvin & Roberta Swick, \$125 credit on their electric bill



2nd Place: Dick & Lisa Yingling, \$100 credit on their electric bill



3rd Place: Doug & Cathy Giles, \$75 credit on their electric bill



Honorable Mention: Hugh & Sally Smith

Business Winners



1st Place: Alaska Tribal Cache, \$100 credit on their electric bill



2nd Place: Yesterdays, \$50 credit on their electric bill



Honorable Mention: Herring Bay Mercantile

**Thank you Homer Electric Association
for your generous prizes!**

Lawless-Hagblom Wedding

Maureen Hagblom and Darrin Lawless (son of locals Dick & Jan Wyland) were wed on June 23, 2007 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ouray, Colorado. If you wish to contact them, their emails are maureenhagblom@mtaonline.net and darrinlawless@mtaonline.net



2008 Personal Property Filing Notice - KPB Assessing Department

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: BOAT, AIRCRAFT AND BUSINESS OWNERS

A property owner must file a Business and/or Personal Property Statement with the Assessor each year. Statements must be received by the Kenai Peninsula

Borough Assessor, or postmarked, on or before **February 15, 2008** . Forms have been mailed to all prior year filers.

All Watercraft And Aircraft located within the boundaries of the borough are subject to a flat tax, regardless of value. Watercraft and Aircraft located within the city limits of Homer, Kenai, Seldovia, Seward and Soldotna are also taxed according to city ordinances.

Business Personal Property is taxed based on its full and true value. The first \$100,000 of assessed value of business personal property is exempted from borough tax. Businesses with personal property located outside the boundaries of an incorporated city with a total value less than \$100,000 may not be required to file a return.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY consists of items used for business purposes, such as office equipment, counters, cash registers, computer systems, tables, chairs, refrigerator units, display cases, heavy equipment, bed linens, beds, nightstands, etc.

All Businesses with personal property located within the city limits of Seward, Seldovia and Kenai must file a return with the Assessor, on or before February 15, 2008 .

Information on filing requirements and forms are available on the web and at borough offices in Soldotna, Seward and Homer. For more information, please contact the Assessor's Office at (907) 714-2230 or toll-free within the Borough 1-800-478-4441 Ext. 2230.

<http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/assessingdept>

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Assessor's Office
144 N. Binkley
Soldotna AK 99669

Kenai Peninsula Borough Installing New All Hazard Siren Warning System

The Kenai Peninsula Borough, in cooperation with FEMA and the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is nearing completion of the installation of a new all hazard warning siren system in Homer, Seward, Nanwalek, Port Graham and Seldovia.

Though the contractor, Federal Signal Corporation, intends to test sirens in a "silent" mode during installation, residents of those communities may still notice short siren activations during the installation and testing period.

Existing sirens in each community continue to be in service and would provide warning in an emergency, as would the Emergency Alert System (EAS) that scrolls across television and is heard on radio. Weather radios would also be activated in an emergency.

The new sirens are intended primarily for coastal tsunami warning, but have the ability to provide warnings for other hazards including floods, windstorms, lost children and volcanic activity.

Each hazard's siren would be followed by a pre-recorded voice message identifying the

emergency and advising residents to tune to local radio for further information. 911 Dispatch centers in Seward, Homer and Soldotna will also have the ability to broadcast a live voice message or type in a current message that would be translated to voice for broadcast over the sirens.

The Borough expects the new system to be in service by mid-January or sooner, and will provide information to the public when the system is inaugurated.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Scott Walden, Coordinator, Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management at 907-262-4910.

Sen. Gary Stevens December Interim Report

A Season's Greetings from Kodiak, where we are beginning to prepare for the second session of the Twenty-Fifth Alaska Legislature, which convenes Tuesday, January 15th. It has been an active and newsworthy interim, one which included a daylong special session to enact the revamped senior citizens benefits program, and a 30 day special session that resulted in a new state oil tax structure. Along the way, I served on a joint Senate and House panel that took a critical look at the myriad of issues surrounding K-12 education funding in Alaska. More recently, the governor announced that five companies had submitted bids for the right to build an Alaska natural gas pipeline to transport North Slope gas to market, and unveiled her Fiscal Year 2009 operating and capital budgets.

[Click here to read the full Report](#)

Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

Be sure to mark your calendars for this Saturday, December 22nd as the Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party. The community is invited to come up and share some goodies and enjoy some caroling with the kids from 6-8 p.m. that evening. Potluck desserts would be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there.

The Seldovia Native Association has generously agreed to sponsor the music programs we are offering at the Club with a donation of \$10,000.00. That is correct – ten thousand dollars! This sponsorship is a strong indication that the Seldovia Native Association Board values the work we are doing with the community's children. The Club currently offers guitar and drum lessons with at least 30 students young and old participating. Thank you, SNA Board members, for your generous contribution and continued support of the Boys & Girls Club of Seldovia.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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 . . .

The long line of Christmas shoppers returning to Seldovia on the M/V Tustumena last Tuesday. Did the Homer stores have anything to do with the Tusty's delayed departure? That delay kept everyone in Homer for two extra days!!!



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

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City Manager's Report (11/28/07 to 12/12/07)

Denali Commission: Brian Pierce called requesting information regarding where the city was as far as putting the Small Boat Harbor work out for bids. I told him that I felt that the work would be put out for bid within two months. \

AIDEA/AEA/CE2: Ron Brown was not able to perform the final fuel tank farm inspection on 11/30/07 as originally scheduled. Ron arrived on Tuesday 12/11/07 and reviewed the areas and issues in question. The corner markers in question were located and found to be well away from the roadway. Additional earth work will be performed by CE2 on the embankment between the tank retaining wall and English Drive this week. This should improve the drainage

even further. Ron Brown and the CE2 Engineer, Brian, say that the broken concrete slab was caused by the moving of the house and not work that AEA or CE2 performed. The City had nothing to do with this.

Abandoned Vehicles: We are working with the Borough to hopefully develop a strategy by which individuals who have vehicles they wish to get rid of can do so at the smallest expense possible.

VSW/CRW: 1) Lynn Marino (VSW) and Pete Bellezza (CRW) will be here on December 17 for a 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Work Session to present their final proposal for Phase 1 Water and Sewer Pipe installation beginning in 2008. They are seeking City Council input on the plan. 2) The Business Plan for the water/sewer project is a requirement for VSW Grants. It is intended to show that upon completion the City can maintain and support the project. The Business plan does not cover how the project is constructed, Force or Open Bid.

Waterfront Marine Industrial Center: 1) Michel Bieri, during a teleconference, informed me that he did not have all the information requested at the last City Council meeting but expected to have it completed and in our hands next week. 2) A second estimate for the City Building design arrived from Steel Master and came in at about \$78,000.00 which does not include construction. 3) Communication and development of the EDA Grant continues with Bernhard Richert.

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

>> *No Story this week* <<

