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SBE High School Honor Roll Students

This week, Susan B. English School announced the high school honor roll students for 2007-08 1st semester. Congratulations to these students for a job well done!

"A" Honor Roll (Grade point average of 3.50 – 4.00)

Courtney Collier
Kathleen Gruber
Katie O'Leary
Tim O'Leary
Chelsea Suydam

"B" Honor Roll (Grade Point average 3.00 or better)

Kristy Gallien
Rochelle Purpura
Griffin Swick

Chamber of Commerce Meeting March 6

by Mary Glover

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce held its regularly scheduled meeting at the MPR today with a St. Patrick's Day theme and delicious lunch prepared by Vice President Joni Reynertson. President Darlene Crawford presided over the meeting. Business conducted:

- The theme for 2008 July 4 was chosen: "You Otter Be in Seldovia!"
- The button contest is now in effect during the next month. Anyone can

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Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!



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City Office (907) 234-7643

School

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submit a button design. Winner will receive 2 free buttons, \$25 prize money, and local fame! Button design will be chosen at the next Chamber meeting, April 3rd.

- Barbara Carlough spoke to this year's FAM Trip (Familiarization Trip) which is currently in the planning stages. The purpose of a FAM Trip is to promote Seldovia to persons involved in the tourism industry. Dates to hold the event will be May 17th and 18th.
- The Chamber was acknowledged for their support of the AMHS with the Chamber's resolution.
- The Chamber voted for the Photo Signs to be placed at the Mad Fish Restaurant for public use. Look for the "Fisherman" and the "Eskimo" at the Mad Fish Restaurant porch this next summer.

The position of Director of Festivities for the 4th of July Festival is open. If anyone in the community is interested in organizing this year's festivities, contact President Darlene Crawford. What this position involves is getting lead people to volunteer for the different categories: e.g. Parade, Games, Craft Booths, etc. who then orchestrate their area. People usually come forward and volunteer for each of these sub-areas.

It was also mentioned that on March 28th that the annual fund-raiser **dinner** will be held at the B&G Club and **talent show**. This is also the time of the **Spring Carnival** sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe (March 28 and 29th) and on March 29th, 7:30 pm at the SBE School, Seldovia Arts Council will host **Bearfoot**, an Alaskan young musicians touring group gone national with their music.

Interesting Facts About This Year's Easter Date

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20th). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22nd) but that is pretty rare. Only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!) and none of us will ever see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23rd) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913.

2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22nd, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22nd was 1818. No one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Sen. Gary Stevens Capitol Report - March 5

Hello again from Juneau . The legislative session has passed the halfway point, with less than a month and a half remaining before the scheduled April 13th adjournment date. This week the House will be holding floor sessions on the FY '09 Operating Budget before sending it to the Senate for further deliberation. Meanwhile, as you probably know, we have tackled the first leg of what's being

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dubbed the "three legged stool" when the Senate passed HB 273 Monday, March 3rd. This monumental legislation includes more than \$246,620,000 for education over the next five years for pupil transportation, intensive needs students, district cost factors and the base student allocation. The bill also contains a step-down provision for school districts experiencing sharp, unexpected enrollment declines due to factors such as military base closures.

As a member of the task force, I'm pleased by the broad support we have received for this bill, and the positive steps forward we have taken to bring funding equity to Senate District R's school districts. I am also grateful we were able to get the bill passed early, which will in turn help Alaska's school districts meet their budget deadlines with realistic projections on state support.

We are continuing work on the other two legs of the three legged stool, SB 125, the public employees and teachers' retirement systems, and SB 72, Community Revenue Sharing. SB 125 has gone to a conference committee, of which I am a member. Hopefully, we will be able to reach agreement on this important legislation soon. SB 72, meanwhile, is awaiting a hearing by the House Finance Committee.

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

Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - March 3

Greetings from Juneau on this 48th day of the Legislative session.

We are just over half way through the session and are in the midst of the budget struggles. There does not seem to be a consensus yet on reinstating some of the vetoed capital items from last year into the fast track supplemental. Nor is there consensus on if there will be any district discretionary budget for capital project priorities, or at what amount. We are of course preparing for different levels of funding but only for projects that fit within the veto parameters established by the Governor.

We have missed Katie and Mary Jane this week and we will be happy to have them back next Tuesday. Louie's family has returned from an extended family visit. It is good to have little feet about the office again.

The annual fundraising event for Juneau's hospital foundation was the mini-golf tournament named for the past speaker Bettye Fahrenkamp. Our office team of Paul, Louie and Jenny came in second in the team standings and I somehow achieved the lowest score and won the "green jacket" – although here it is an embroidered green carhart.

[Click here to read the complete Newsletter](#)

Special Notices . . .

SBE Family and Consumer Science Class Needs Miles!

Six lucky students will be taking an exciting trip to San Francisco, CA in the near future and would very much appreciate support in the form of Companion tickets or Miles. Please contact Sandy at Susan B. English School at 234.7616. Thanks for your support!

Carnival

*Boys & Girls Club Update . . .***Photo Archives**

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▶ [None this week](#)

It may not seem like it just yet, but spring is approaching. Easter comes early this year – March 23rd, at the tail end of Spring Break for our school kids. During Spring Break, Boys & Girls Club members in third – fifth grade will have a chance to travel to Kenai for the annual Dodge Ball tournament. The tournament includes Club members from six clubs on the Kenai Peninsula . If you have a child in that age range, be looking for future information on how they might participate. We will start practicing dodge ball soon to get our skills back up for the fast-paced action.

The week after Spring Break, the Seldovia Village Tribe will be hosting a Spring Carnival. Yes, the word Spring probably is wishful thinking, but we all know it's a state of mind anyway, right? So to celebrate the coming of warmer weather, there will be activities for the entire community March 28th and 29th. From basketball and volleyball tournaments to exciting outdoor games, SVT is working up a great bunch of things for us all to do.

On Friday the 29th, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club will be holding a dinner fundraiser. We'll be having a large spaghetti feed, with great musical entertainment provided by our own Club and Susan B. English School music students. Rob Rurka, the guy that's been working all these miracles with the kids, will also do a set for us, too. So, bring your dancing shoes, because we'll have a spot cleared on the floor for you to kick up your heels. Be watching for some black-clad karate students demonstrating their skills, as well. The evening should be a lot of fun for all who come out, so don't miss it!

Our members have been having many opportunities to learn and do great things through the programs we are able to offer at the Boys & Girls Club. So it seems strange that while we are keeping busy, we are also facing a large financial hurdle in our immediate future. Our Club is funded primarily through grant awards, but one of our awards will expire effective June 30th, and we do not have one in sight to replace it. That leaves us with a gap of more than \$60,000 going in to July 2008. That also leaves us looking once again at the possibility of closing our doors come summer. This is obviously not a situation we want to be in year after year, and we certainly do not want our kids to ever have to wonder if the Club's doors will be open to them.

Seldovia is a community that takes care of its own, and that is evident through the many ways each person generously donates to the many activities, programs and organizations that we have here. As one person once said, "We bake a cake and then go to the bake sale and buy it back!" Whether or not we can come up with the funds to make our Club self-sustaining, it's hard to say. But maybe we can begin to plug some of the holes and make sure programs are still available for our children, with our community's help.

At the dinner on March 28th, we will be presenting opportunities for sponsorship of various programs and activities that are run by the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. Please consider how you might be able to help. Regardless of who you are or where you are, you can be one piece of the puzzle that is able to keep the Club running and to keep the doors open for our kids.

Remembering that it's all about the kids, here are photos of recent accomplishments of some of our Club Members. Seth K received his yellow belt in Kenpo Karate class from instructor Rob Rurka; Chaela O traveled to Anchorage for the State Spelling Bee; and the Junior High Volleyball team took 2nd place at the Regional Tournament.





If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts at call at 234-7577. Stay safe on those icy roads, folks.

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 . ***THIS IS NOW TEEN CLUB TIME UNTIL BASKETBALL SEASON IS OVER***

Karate Classes:

Kids Class – Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Adult Class – Mondays and Wednesday from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m .

Intermediate – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Music Lessons:

Acoustic Guitar – Saturdays at 11:30 p.m .

Electric Guitar – Saturdays at 12:00 p.m .

Bass Guitar - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m .

Drums – Saturdays from 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 . . .

**There's always something interesting to photograph at
Outside Beach . . .**



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

>> Repeat Story <<

Managers Report (02-14-08 to 02/27/08)

- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** The Requests For Proposals (RFP) are being drafted for Construction Management.
- **Husky II:** The saga continues with Mr. Poffenroth. Other options to remedy the situation are now being considered.
- **VSW/CRW:** The City Offices are supplying information to all parties. (VSW, CRW, GV Jones). The water testing lab equipment has been located and priced out; we are now waiting for DEC to determine if we qualify to use it.
- **EPA Grant:** We are perusing a Water/Sewer Grant that will enhance our water/sewer upgrade program.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** The Lot Lease is being developed and should be ready for finalization very soon.
- **Senior Meals:** Plans on how and where we are going to be serving the meals are moving forward. We are taking applications for a Food Manager/Cook as well as Cook Assistants.
- **DPW News:** The frozen pipe, on Bloch St. has been thawed and obstructions removed. It was plugged with large amounts of paper towels. Please do not flush paper towels down the toilet, they are **not** biodegradable and not only do they plug up the sewer pipes they also raise havoc with the lift station pumps. A large Terry Cloth Dish Towel was found also jamming one of the Slough Lift station pumps (these pumps are very expensive to replace).
- We are very actively seeking funding to add; Dump Truck, Sand/Gravel

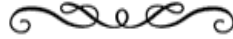
Spreader, G14 Grader, Crawler Tractor, Street Sweeper and V-Plow to the City's infrastructure.

- **Welcome Sign Contest:** The Rules, Dimensions, and Cash Prize have been finalized and will be posted around town on Friday 2/29/08

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

>> No Report this Week <<



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