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March 28, 2008

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Susan B. English Graduates 2008

by Tamara Blodgett

It's that time of year again...

Seven graduating seniors and a parent for each met with SBE Science and Math teacher Tim Winters to make final decisions for the big night.

Graduation will be an afternoon event on May 22nd at 1:30PM . Mr. Winters has searched online for the best deals for seniors caps and gowns, discussed food/flower choices for the ceremony, speeches, music and post-graduation celebration. Announcements were addressed with a "senior pick" already in the works.

With an all-boy graduating class, it is clear that it will be a streamlined event. There was positive response to the possibility of an Outside Beach finale after graduation for the graduates and the greater community. The time is fast approaching! Join the SBE graduates and wish them well as they step forward onto their adult paths.

Bearfoot Comes to Seldovia

by Mary Glover

Last Saturday night it was rock-n-rolling at the SBE School as the Seldovia Arts Council brought **Bearfoot** back to Seldovia (by popular demand). Just to give our readers an idea of what it costs to bring this group to town, it is \$3,500.00! The gate taken was 75 tickets and 5 family tickets. It doesn't take a math genius to see our gate does not pay for these artists to be here. Many thanks to Susan Mumma who arranges the event and writes the grants for the Seldovia Arts Council. Many thanks to the people on the Seldovia Arts Council who take care of these artists once they are here and make the concert arrangements. Many

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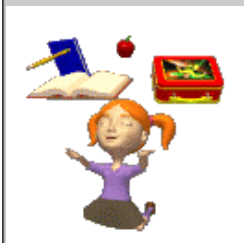
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 Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!

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thanks to all of you in the community who turned out to hear this great music. And lastly, thank you to the Alaska State Council on the Arts and WESTAF for your grant money to help the Seldovia Arts Council fund this event. It was definitely a night we all will remember!



Seldovia Village Tribe Holds Spring Carnival

Photos provided by Sevea Kroll

The Seldovia Village Tribe sponsored the Spring Carnival 2008 on March 28th and 29th. There were activities at the Seldovia Conference Center Parking Lot on Saturday for the whole family. Relay races, contests, dog pull, and much more! Of course, there was lots of volleyball and basketball played during the weekend, all in style with what Seldovians love to do! Everyone had a grand time.



Basketball Tournament



Parking Lot games for the whole family



Crafts at the Conference Center



Another team having fun playing basketball

QuickBooks Classes in Anchorage *by Mary Glover*

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Recently I attended a class at the Alaska Technology Learning Center (AKTLC) in the Northway Mall in Anchorage. The class was given by HDH Consulting LLC. The instructor's name was Daven Hajari, a very knowledgeable and adept teacher of QuickBooks. [This is the website.](#)

Our class of five consisted of four Native Americans from different villages around Alaska and myself. They were all using QuickBooks for the native municipalities. All of us had experience in QuickBooks so the class moved very quickly and was extremely helpful. My neighbor classmate was a young mother from [Mountain Village, Alaska](#). (She had to ride a snowmobile 20 miles to catch a small commuter airplane to fly to Anchorage for this class.)

The reason that I am writing this article is: This class is extremely beneficial to me. I am self-taught how to use QuickBooks and trying to prepare this year's taxes for a business entity made me realize that I was not using the program properly in a couple of areas. Hence, I decided to take this class. If anyone wants to learn or improve their skills in QuickBooks, I highly recommend this class. Daven Hajari's next class is scheduled for April 16-18, 2008 in Anchorage. The May class will be held May 21-May 23. Additional details and cost can be found on [HDH Consulting's website](#).

SBE Prom Coming April 12

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Here's To The Night

Saturday, April 12, 2008
8:00 - Midnight
Community Welcome
Royal Court 10pm

Singles \$6
Couples \$10

5th grade and under
leave after crowning

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Corrections

▶ [None this week](#)

Kachemak Firewise

by Tamara Blodgett

Get "smart" on fire prevention...

Learn how to defend hearth and home with preventative measures for your property. Recent wildfires on the Kenai Peninsula require heightened attention to future fire danger.

Show up to hear thirty-year veteran Alaskan Wildland firefighter Terry Anderson speak and facilitate the implementation of a Seldovia Community Wildfire Protection Plan to be completed by the end of summer. The meeting will be held at the Seldovia Conference Center at 6PM on Tuesday, April 8th. Two, follow-up meetings are planned for June and August. Educate yourself on how to protect our community from fire *before* it happens; be proactive.

Bark Beetles & Berries!

by Courtney Flint

Research with Seldovians

Two research projects are underway involving Seldovia residents. Dr. Courtney Flint from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is continuing a study of community response to bark beetles that began in 2003. A survey is likely to arrive in your mailbox very soon. Please take time to fill out the survey so that we can learn how attitudes are changing over time about forests, bark beetles, and fire risks. Dr. Flint will report back on the findings later this year. Five other Kenai Peninsula communities are also involved (Homer, Anchor Point, Ninilchik, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing).

Another research effort underway involves one of Seldovia's most prized resources – berries! Dr. Courtney Flint (UIUC), Dr. Mary Ann Lila (UIUC), and Dr. Ilya Raskin (Rutgers University) are studying the health effects and community uses of wild berries and the potential impacts of climate change. This project is in collaboration with the Seldovia Village Tribe as well as Tim Winters and Damara Burnett and students from the Susan B. English School. High school students and other community members will have opportunities to be involved with field research with the berries and interviews with community members about their use of berries. If you are interested in participating in community interviews with school students, watch for future notices! This project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and will last for 3 years. Two other Alaska communities involved are Akutan and Point Hope. Drs. Flint, Lila, and Raskin will be in Seldovia late July and a community event will be scheduled.

If you have any questions about these projects, don't hesitate to contact Courtney Flint at cflint@uiuc.edu or 217-244-1840.

Sen. Gary Stevens Capitol Report March 31

Greetings from the Capitol. Less than two weeks remain until the April 13th scheduled adjournment of the 25th Legislature's second session. It's been a busy and productive time in Juneau this year. Already we resolved three of the session's major issues with the early passage of the education funding bill, the municipal revenue sharing bill, and a bill to help local governments and school districts cover the costs of unfunded liability in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the Teachers Retirement System (TRS). The

two major issues still in play are the Fiscal Year 2009 operating and capital budgets and will likely be resolved on adjournment day.

Special Session Ahead

While lawmakers and staff begin preparing for the return home, we do so with the knowledge that we will be back in Juneau on June 3rd to begin a special session called by the Governor on the natural gas pipeline. It's my understanding the governor will be presenting us the outcome of the administration's reviews of TransCanada Corporation's pipeline application under terms of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) the week of May 19th. I look forward to receiving this information.

As you may know, it is the Legislature's responsibility to approve the license. Given the gas pipeline's enormous implications to Alaska's economic future, it's imperative we use the special session to ensure any pipeline contract provides the maximum benefits to the state on our terms.

As with any subject, I welcome your thoughts on the gas pipeline. Please contact me any time.

24 Hour Rule

If the House fails to concur with the Senate's changes to the operating budget, which is expected to occur, a conference committee comprised of three legislators from each body will be appointed to iron-out the differences between the two bills. Once the conference committee is appointed, the work of legislative committees will fall under the *24-Hour Rule*. This means bills and resolutions may receive a committee hearing with a twenty-four hour notice, and legislation can move quickly to a floor vote.

Should you need help following the progress of a particular bill or resolution as it moves through the system, please contact my office or the Legislative Information Office (LIO) in your community.

The LIO in Homer can be reached at 235-7878.

Seward Area constituents can contact the LIO at 224-5066.

The Kodiak LIO can be reached at 486-8116.

(Track bills and resolutions online at: www.legis.state.ak.us/basis, or the Senate Majority's Internet homepage at: <http://www.aksenate.org>)

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Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - March 31

Greetings from Juneau on this 77th day of the Legislative session.

The weekend turned out to be beautiful except for the Sunday afternoon snow squall. I presume you have all heard about the special session called by the Governor to start in Juneau on June third. We are not sure if the 60 day public comment period for the TransCanada gas line proposal will start on the 19th of May when the analysis is released, because we may not have a recommendation for approval of the AGIA contract included with those findings. In either event

there would be a possible 50 or 60 days for a legislative decision (two special sessions) which would interfere with summer fishing for several of us in the legislature. We are really hoping that approval of a gas line will complete the huge tasks (including reform of oil taxes and rewrite of the state education funding formula) that have required special sessions for the last several years.

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Special Notices . . .

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

by Laurel Hilts

Seldovians showed up in droves for the Boys & Girls Club Dinner and Music Jam last Friday night. It was a packed house as folks gathered for a great dinner and live music. The event was a fundraiser and we brought in more than \$4,500 in dinner tickets, pottery sales, donations and pledges. Thanks, Seldovia, for your outstanding support of our B&G!



Outpost Band

[Click here to check out the PhotoStory!](#)

The evening started off with a spaghetti dinner prepared by Lisa Stanish and Mark Janes, with homemade sauces and all the fixin's; the ingredients were donated by the Seldovia Village Tribe. There were also beautiful loaves of fresh baked French bread and fantastic desserts baked and brought in by community members. Because the house was so packed, people helped out by getting up from their seats after they ate so that others could have places to sit down.

The concert began with a performance by "Hullabaloo," featuring Gavin, Aidan, Axcenia, Samantha, Cale, Chaela, David and Cody, all Club members in 2nd – 4th grade. They all played percussion instruments while music teacher Rob Rurka played along on the guitar. Their first song was called "Santana-ish" and highlighted Gavin on the drum set. The second number, "Gypsy Jam," had Aidan on the drum set.

The next group to perform was called "Brainless." This group of 4th – 7th grade Club members featured Seth, Adam, Aidan, Devin, Dylan, Robert, Nathan and Ginger. Ginger rocked it out by singing lead on "Better Now," with Aidan on the drum set, Nathan on lead electric guitar, and Adam on bass. Rob sang lead on "Satellite" while Seth played the drums, Devin played bass, and Dylan and Robert and Nathan played electric guitar. (Nathan's guitar solos were a definite hit.) The group was also joined by special guest violinist, Mary Glover.

Next to take the stage was the high school band "Outpost." With Oren on lead vocals, Matthew on drums, Derek on electric guitar and bass, Joel on electric guitar, and Rob on acoustic guitar and bass, the audience was treated to a great

set of songs: "Drive," "Talking in Your Sleep," and "General Attitude." This group of guys definitely has the desire to perform – be looking to hear more from them in the future. (They did let a girl sneak in when Laurel Hilts joined them on bass guitar for one song.)

During a brief intermission, the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director, Laurel Hilts, shared about the Club's current financial status and concern that the Club may have to close its doors this summer. Audience members were invited to make a pledge to donate to help keep the doors open. (At the end of the evening, we ended up with more than \$2,200 in pledges!) There will be a community meeting held at the Boys & Girls Club on Thursday, April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Club's future.

After the intermission, there was one last act to hear from, the adult band "Stickey Wicket." Rob Rurka took the lead on vocals and acoustic guitar, accompanied by Mark Janes on electric guitar, Tracy Philpot on drums, Ruby Mason on congas, Laurel Hilts on bass guitar, and Jonathan Hoard on harmonica. Deidre Cameron also sang lead on three captivating songs. The group performed a range of songs, from the fast paced "What I Like About You," to the country of "Nightrider's Lament" and the melodious sounds of "When You Say Nothing at All." All in all, it seemed like a night of great music.

After the dinner and concert was over, Seldovians rolled up their sleeves and got to work cleaning up the tables, the sound equipment, and the kitchen and even mopping the floors. There were countless volunteers that helped put this entire event together from start to finish and our thanks go out to each and every one of you. Special thanks also to the Seldovia Village Tribe for its donation of food; to the Seldovia Native Association for sponsoring the Club's music program; to the City of Seldovia and the State of Alaska for the Title V Juvenile Delinquency Prevention funds; to the Susan B. English School staff for allowing us to use the Ottertorium and the kitchen and for the extra help; to the Glover's for promoting the event in the Seldovia Gazette and for taking photographs; to Dede Higman for glazing and prepping all the orphan pottery that was sold that night; and to the Head Start staff for letting us use their room.

If you did not have a chance to make a pledge during the Dinner and Music Jam, there still is time! You can do so by contacting the Clubhouse at 234-7577 or you can email Unit Director Laurel Hilts directly at lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com.

Did you take photographs or video of the event? We would love to get a copy. Stop on by or send an email and we will get back to you.

Thanks again, Seldovia, for your great support of the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club.

If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts a call 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. ***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 . . .

Seldovia firefighter training and equipment checks take place all year long . . . think about joining the Fire & EMS team to help when there's an emergency.

**City Manager's Corner***by Howard Davis***>> Repeat Story <<****Managers Report (02-27-08 to 03/26/08)**

- **Census Recount:** Some residents have questioned what is going on? Walter McInnes is conducting a recount of the City's year-round population in order to insure the City receives its fair share of revenue sharing funds.
- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** The Requests For Proposals (RFP) are being drafted for Construction Management.
- **Husky II:** In a conversation with Mr. Poffenroth, 3/20/08, he was informed that since his plan for removal has not come forth as he promised and since there has been no effort to meet his moorage responsibilities the City has no other choice but to pursue other avenues to remedy this situation.
- **VSW/CRW:** Pete Bellezza (CRW Engineer) and Lee Olsen (CRW Construction Manager) were in town on 3/11/08 to review the Phase 1 sites, look over options on available equipment and met with the City Manager and DPW employees. CRW will be sending employment application packages soon, when they arrive their availability will be posted around town and announced in the Gazette.

We are now waiting for DEC to give us approval to begin acquiring Water Test Lab equipment.

- **EPA Grant:** No indication has come from the State Legislature as to whether the City's request for matching funds has been approved in the up coming budget.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** The draft of the Lot Lease is well on its way to completion and should be off to the attorney very soon for finalization.
- **Senior Meals:** Pricing on equipment is coming in. Redesign of kitchen layout is underway.
- **DPW News:** The loader is in need of repair. To ensure that the loader is ready to launch boats it will be out of service from 3/21/08 through 4/07/08 depending on weather conditions.
- **Welcome Sign Contest**
 - The deadline for design submittal has been moved from 3/31/08 to 4/04/08.
 - The contest is open to all individuals, no matter where they live.
 - Design submittals can be dropped of at the City Offices from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

>> **No Report this Week** <<

