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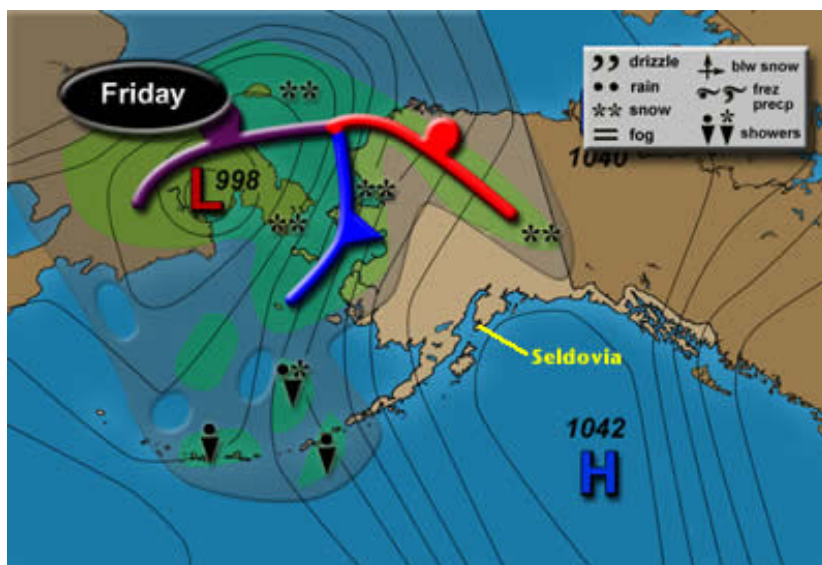
SBE Prom 2008

April 12, 2008

Top Stories

Oh Joy . . . the 50's are Coming!!

For those of you who haven't looked at the weather map lately, warm weather is finally on the way! Take a look at that weather map below for Friday . . . that hugh coming up from the south will push in good weather out to 500+ miles from Seldovia.



Weather map for Friday, April 15

Next weeks forecast for Monday through Wednesday on the Western Kenai Peninsula puts highs at 45° to 55°F. Time to dig out those garden tools!

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Specializing in unique gifts made by local artists.

Support the **Seldovia Sea Otter Booster Club**
 Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!

Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent
 The Seldovia harbor has 32 foot and 42 foot slips for rent. Call for details:
 Harbor Master
 (907) 234-7886
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Archives

Gavel Falls on 25th Alaska Legislature

Sen. Gary Stevens Recap

District R's Communities fare well in Budget

Juneau—The gavel fell on the second session of the 25th Alaska Legislature early this (Sunday afternoon) after lawmakers gave their approval to the final major piece of legislation, the Fiscal Year '2009 Capital Budget. Working with Representatives Paul Seaton (R-Homer) and Gabrielle LeDoux (R-Kodiak), Senator Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak) was able to secure support for numerous infrastructure projects for the communities he serves in the Kenai Peninsula, the Lake and Peninsula Borough and Kodiak Island.

“The District R projects in the capital budget are of great importance to my constituents and the communities I represent in the Senate, so I’m pleased we’ve been able to get legislative support for them,” Senator Stevens commented. “I would like to thank the civic and community leaders around my district for working with us on the projects, as well as Representatives LeDoux and Seaton for their efforts to gain support for these projects in the House.”

FY '09 Capital Budget Items for District R

[Editors Note: the following items pertain specifically to Seldovia and were extracted from Sen. Stevens report. Click the link at the end of this story in order to read the complete report.]

Homer-KachemakBay Area Projects in the Capital Budget:

- **Seldovia Design and Construction of Water and Sewer Facilities \$3,207,227**
- **SeldoviaJakolofBay Float Deferred Maintenance and Transfer \$380,00**
- **Seldovia Matching EPA Funds for Water and Sewer Upgrades \$235,000**
- **Seldovia Boat Haul-Out Trailer \$45,000**
- **Smolt Stocking for Seldovia Slough \$25,000**

HEA Projects that directly affect Seldovia:

- **Homer Electric South Kachemak Bay Cable Replacement Project \$1,100,000**
- **Homer Electric Hazardous Tree Removal Project \$250,000**

Area Wide Capital Budget Items:

Funding for Maintaining Ferry Service to Southwest Alaska During the M/V Tustemena Overhaul - \$4,247,600

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Susan B. English Volleyball & Wrestling Awards

by Tamara Blodgett

Wrestling Coach Dan Blodgett and Volleyball Coach Lisa O'Leary came together over dessert potluck and coffee to officially "close" the season by honoring the student athletes for their combined efforts in the respective sports.



Coach O'Leary, during her inaugural year as volleyball coach, flexed her muscle with a tremendous first season. The junior high team scored second at the small schools tournament and the senior high team placed fifth at the Regions tournament held in Ninilchik.

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There will not be any graduating players this year with full player return expected. Coach O'Leary is excited about the teams' potential for next year. O'Leary's proud that her players were proactive with fundraising for the needs of the team by washing cars to raise money. Those positive steps reflected the teams' personal ownership for the things they want. Junior high players were Amanda Gain, Sarah Geagel, Katrina Hecks, Chaela Ogle and Sarah O'Leary. Senior high players were Alyssa Burt, Courtney Collier, Kristy Gallien, Kathleen Gruber, Katie O'Leary and Chelsea Suydam.

Coach Blodgett had a smaller team this year and was pleased with his third year coaching in Seldovia. Senior Timmy O'Leary received '2007 Outstanding Wrestler' in the shape of a laser etched crystal paperweight. Sophomore Derek Burt received 'Most Improved Intensity' and Sophomore Matt Gain received 'Fastest Pin' and 'Most takedowns'. Junior Jordan Geagel received '2007 best match' and placed *third in state*. Blodgett spoke of missing his hardest working wrestler (T. O'Leary) when he graduates this season and looks forward to next years' season with strong returning wrestlers. Like the volleyball team, the boys on the wrestling team have done a little fundraising in the hopes of raising the necessary funding for much-needed new wrestling mats. To date more than \$4,000.00 has been raised toward that end.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting April 3

by Shirley Hurley, Secretary

Members Present: Darlene Crawford-President; Shirley Hurley-Secretary; Barbara Carlough, Paulie Carluccio, Mary Glover, Laurel Hilts, Rod Hilts, Walter McInnes, Marcia Patrick, Mary Webber, Mike Webber. Vice President Joni Reynertson and Treasurer Peggy Keesecker were unable to attend.



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Corrections

None this week

I. President Darlene Crawford called the meeting to order at 12:15pm in the Multi-purpose room of the Library.



II. Rod Hilts asked that school lunch announcement be added to the Agenda. Also added under new business: Adopting A Park and Citizen of the Year contest.

III. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** March 6, 2008 were approved as read.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's Report.

V. Introduction of Guests: There were no guests

VI. **Committee Reports:** 1) Membership plaques: Laurel Hilts volunteered to gather information and photo to present to the Chamber for membership acknowledgment. 2) ChainSaw Contest- Mary Glover handed out itinery and information about awards and contestants for the "Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Constest" happening on May 23-25, Memorial Day Weekened.



VII: OLD BUSINESS

1. Milepost- The 2008 Milepost has been printed and the Seldovia ad spread was very nice.

2. FAM TRIP- Barbara Carlough announced that the over-nite trip for area Travel Agents is planned for the weekend of May 17-18 to acquaint them with

the lodging and amenities available in Seldovia for tourists.

3. AMHS- Darlene Crawford received a reply letter from the Governors office indicating there would be no funding in 2008-09 for a winter ferry service except once monthly. Since the letter was sent out March 19, other negotiations in the legislature indicate we may have more service.

4. Fourth of July Buttons: To date there have been no entries for the button design contest. Entry deadline has been extended to April 30th. Tim O'Leary has indicated the fire department would like to join in providing games for the July 4th celebration.

5. *Seldovia Visitor 2008*: Mary Glover indicated the ads were coming along nicely and monies were coming in. Members need to submit their information ASAP so we can get it to the printer by deadline!

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. KPTMC- Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council- Marcia Patrick attended a marketing session and the KPTMC has an agreement package that businesses may request and submit to partner with the Kenai Marketing program for lodging referrals. Deadline is April 9th. Marcia will send an email with the contact information to members.

2. Beautification Contest for summer of 2008: Discussion was held about ideas for making the local parks and walkways nice. The Chamber will ask that Mayor Wyland declare a May clean up day before the tourist season begins. Local businesses and citizens would be able to volunteer to sponsor a specific park or area to beautify. A map of the parks would be presented so everyone would know their location. Historical landmarks were also presented as a marketing tool.

For Example: A memorial for the old Russian Orthodox Cemetery was established but never pursued. A mariner's memorial discussed at previous meetings near the harbor would be a nice addition. It may also be feasible to pursue the previously done Boardwalk plans which had been presented to P&Z for the harbor.

Mike Webber presented a booklet published by the AK Dept of Fish and Game about the Kenai Peninsula entitled "Trails Guide" which was very nice. The section on Seldovia Otterbaun Trail was written by Seldovian Daryl Zerbach. Consensus of the Chamber : Seldovia **IS** a special place to visit and we need to capitalize on the unique history and scenery we are fortunate to have here. We **can** make Seldovia a great place to visit.

3. **Citizen of the Year**: A box will be placed in the Post Office for submissions for the citizen of the year. Last year's recipient was Mary Webber. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

IX. Information/ Announcements: Rod Hilts announced that a representative for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Food Services will be coming to Seldovia to evaluate the school food program in April. There will be a meeting at the school for the community next week. Information will be

posted at the Post Office bulletin board.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm

SVT Wins Green Star Award

by Connie Ferguson. Green Star Coordinator for the Kenai Peninsula

Seldovia Village Tribe has earned a Green Star for meeting Green Star Standards to improve the environmental quality through wise business decisions. These include conserving energy, reducing waste, recycling and properly disposing of any remaining waste. There will be an ceremony in Seldovia on Tuesday, April 22 to award the Seldovia Village Tribe Green Star during their Earth Day celebration. CEO Crystal Collier will accept the award. The celebration will include a potluck and a presentation on renewable energy sources by Brian Hirsch.

Micheal Ophiem, Environmental Director for Seldovia Village Tribe, says the tribe has a recycling program, keeps florescent lights out of the landfill, uses rechargeable batteries, sends hazardous waste out on the barge and recycling ink cartridges. The Tribe also has a vermaculture bin for composting and uses non-toxic cleaning products. The Village building has a five-star energy rating. The Tribe is working with the borough to improve the environmental practices at the Rocky Ridge Landfill. Mr. Ophiem writes: We are always looking for things we can do to keep our environment safe and clean for our next generations so they to can enjoy the same clean air, berries, abundant fish, and water that we have now.

The Circus is Coming to Town!

juggling! unicycling! stilts! clowning! acro-balance!

Meghan Holtan and the Artist in Schools Program bring two weeks of shows and circus workshops!

Saturday April 26th 1-3 PM Free Community Workshop
Friday May 2nd 2 PM Seldovia Circus final student show

Artist in Schools is a program of the Alaska State Council on the Arts which receives fundings from the Alaska State Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, and the Rasmuson Foundation

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Rep. Paul Seaton Newsletter - April 14

Greetings from Juneau on this 1st day AFTER the Legislative session.

As I walked out of the apartment towards the Capitol, I realized that I needed to go back for an overcoat as it started snowing again. This session ended in the most orderly way of any final session that I have yet experienced. We were not up until midnight with bills dying on the House or Senate floor because time ran out, nor were there any games of adjourning early to force a concur or recede vote by the other body. The budgets are large and appear even larger since many local projects from last years veto list were incorporated in the supplemental budget. However, the operating budget was finalized at 1.5 % less than the Governor's requested budget. Some items such as \$300 million for weatherization programs and low income energy assistance attempt to address high residential energy costs. We also included an extra \$100 per student to offset the high cost of energy for schools.

We have a Special Session scheduled for June 3 but there is some talk of moving it up to correspond with the release of the administration's analysis and recommendation on the gas pipeline. The rapidly approaching AGIA determination and high projected long term oil prices are stimulating lots of gas line proposals. We now have the Conoco – BP study, ENSTAR bullet line, and just yesterday Mitsubishi proposed involvement in construction and sale of LNG. These are in addition to the 3 other serious AGIA proposals originally submitted. Let's hope this time we actually commercialize our North Slope gas.

Tina and I will be home on Thursday and will be visiting with the communities soon. I am scheduled to meet with the Seward City Council on May 12th and participate in the PARKS work session on May 13. Meeting dates have not yet been finalized with the Homer or **Seldovia** city councils.

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Special Notices

Recycling Event in Homer on April 26 . . .

The 3rd Annual Electronics and Computer Recycling Event will take place at the Lake Street, Homer Spenard Builders Supply building on April 26 from 10am to 3pm. There are some fees in most cases, click on the link below for details.

[Click here for the complete Press Release](#)

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

by Laurel Hilts

If you have any questions about activities going on, give Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Laurel Hilts at 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. Hiltz, Unit Director Seldovia
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours
liltz@positiveplaceforkids.com

Tidbits . . .

Susan B English Prom 2008 . . . the memories will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

>> No Report this Week <<

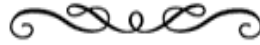
Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

The following official statement by the City of Seldovia was read

at the April 9th City Council meeting by Mayor Wyland:

“Chief Anderson has been placed on paid administration leave pending investigation of allegations made against him. The City will not comment on the allegations or the investigation until the investigation is complete. Persons experiencing an emergency situation requiring law enforcement attention should call 911.”



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