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SBE Prom 2008

April 12, 2008

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Yesterday, I Couldn't Spell "EMT" ...

by Lisa O'Leary, Seldovia EMT Chief

... Now I Am One!

The recent EMT II/III class given by Seldovia Volunteer Fire & EMS was intense, and participants may have felt this sentiment by the final day. During two extended sessions, 9 students became eligible to be certified by the State of Alaska as EMT II's and EMT III's. With 8 of those students being full time Seldovia residents, the level of care here in our community just improved exponentially.



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City Office (907) 234-7643

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Archives

Student Dean Thoemke (left standing) and Instructor Bob Painter (right standing) during the EMT training

Bob Painter, Homer Volunteer Fire Department, was the instructor of record for the training. Bob has many years experience as a paramedic/firefighter, and has been an advanced level instructor here in the State of Alaska for some time. Bob enjoys coming to Seldovia and teaching for our department. He has been known to quip "EMT's are firefighters who can read and write!" His sense of humor fits right in to our little group. This time, he was accompanied by Dean Theomke, his assistant chief in Homer, who was a student in the EMT III portion of the training, and lent valuable experience to the learning environment. Other students in the training were Tim O'Leary, Mary Jo Stanley, Mary Glover, Gerry Patrick, Debbie Hecks, Alix Chartier, Sera Baxter and Lisa O'Leary.



Many members of the community graciously allowed students to practice IV sticks on their arms for skills testing. This is an important part of the class, and the department would like to thank those community members for their participation. Without those volunteers, the classroom experience cannot be transferred to the field as successfully. Being able to start an IV, and actually starting an IV on a person who is talking to you, and telling you how they are feeling about the whole situation is definitely two different things. Thank you, Seldovia, for stepping up to the plate and making that part of the training a success!

Practical exams for the class will be held sometime in May. A certifying officer must be present for those exams, and scheduling such an event has its challenges. The practical examination is the last step in the process, so the group is definitely motivated to make it happen! If you see any of these folks around town, with them well on the exam. They are well trained, and deserve to excel in the testing arena.

When all is said and done, Seldovia's pre-hospital care is first rate. Many small towns around the state have no pre-hospital care at all, whereas Seldovia has a physician on site, and an ambulance service with advanced life support available much of the time! Many people deserve kudos for this service, but it would not be possible without Dr. Larry Reynolds, the sponsoring physician.

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Dr. Reynolds' willingness to lead this cause is truly selfless, and the department wishes to recognize his tireless efforts to continue providing first rate health care here in Seldovia. Thanks, Doc!

VSW Public Notice*Public Notice*

SELDOVIA WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ALASKA VILLAGE SAFE WATER PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Conservation, as provided by 18 AAC 76.040, is proposing to issue a Categorical Exclusion to the Environmental Review Procedures of the Village Safe Water Capital Improvement Project Grant Program for the Seldovia Water and Sewer Improvement Project

Project Improvements include rehabilitation or replacement of 3,030 lf of water main, 22 isolation valves, and 60 water services. Sewer improvements include replacement or rehabilitation of 2090 lf of sewer pipe, 11 manholes, associated sewer main cleanouts, and 25 sewer services.

This project will have no impact on any adjacent undeveloped properties or waters. Additionally the project will not directly or indirectly adversely affect any of the following:

1. Cultural resource areas;
2. Endangered or threatened species or their habitat;
3. Environmentally important natural areas.

The project is also not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the environment, either individually, or cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, state, local or private actions.

More information on the project and the proposed Categorical Exclusion may be obtained by phoning Lynn Marino at 269-7602.

The Department invites comments on the proposed Categorical Exclusion. Written comments must be addressed to the Village Safe Water Program, Division of Water, Facility Programs, Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501 and must be received by June 4, 2008.

The Department complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services, or special modifications to participate in this public process, should contact the ADA Coordinators Office at (907) 465-2814 (TTY Compatible).

Issued on the _____ day of May, 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska.



Greg Magee, P.E.
VSW Program Manager
Village Safe Water Program

Susan B. English Schedule Switch*by Tamara Blodgett****SBE gets more teachers for the 2008-09 school year...***

With an expected three teaching positions to fill next year bringing the total number of teachings positions up to 4.5 for next school year, things are looking up for students and staff alike. The schedule this year was split with K through fourth taught by Karen Bornheimer, the other half of 4th grade through 8th grade taught by Sheryl Hingley, also SBE principal. Damara Burnett taught English and History courses this year while Math and Science were taught by Tim Winters.

Next years' line up will have a proposed schedule of K-3 (possibly K-4th depending on numbers in each grade), fifth and sixth, seventh and eighth, and the traditional ninth through twelfth. This ratio would be superior to the current

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one with ratio and age compatibility greatly improved. Hingley has experience in teaching a multi-age classroom and has done well with the challenges that came with teaching a fourth through eighth grade class. She looks forward to this new school year's additional staff with an equitable split between her duties as principal and teacher. She has received good responsiveness to the job openings and hopes to solidify the new positions in the near future.

Parents have been encouraged to suggest/comment on this proposed schedule and class offering within the allowable graduation requirement guidelines by contacting SBE secretary Sandy Geagel at sgeagel@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.

Annual Sea Otters Booster Club Dinner & Auction is Just Around the Corner

Mark you calendars for Saturday, May 10th and don't miss a fantastic evening of good food, entertainment and public and silent auctions!

The Seldovia Sea Otters Booster Club will be having its annual dinner and auction on Saturday, May 10th. This year the event will be held in the Susan B. English School Commons, which will allow for plenty of room for all of you planning to attend. The dinner menu is BBQ themed, featuring beef roast and barbequed chicken, with all the fixin's. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person or \$45 per family (parents and children). Be on the lookout for school members coming around town to sell the tickets to you, or you can buy your tickets at the door (the front entrance to the school this year).

Donated items are already coming in for the auction. Attendees can participate in both the silent and public auctions that evening. All proceeds help pay the travel expenses for extra-curricular school activities, which covers a wide range from volleyball to spelling bees, and much more.

The Booster Club is run year-round by community volunteers and school students. If you are interested in helping with the preparation of this great annual event, please give Sandy a call at the school (234-7616). Any help is greatly appreciated.

Save the date – Saturday, May 10th – and plan to come out for a great evening of good food, good conversation, with great items to bid on, all for a good cause! Dinner service starts and 5:30 PM and the public auction will start at approximately 7:00 PM. .



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Corrections

None this week

The Annual Sea Otters Booster Club Dinner & Auction

Saturday, May 10th

in the Susan B. English School Commons (plenty of room!).
Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets = \$15 per person

\$45 per family (parents and children in a household)

Many fantastic items will be available for public and silent auction.



MENU

Barbeque Dinner:

- Beef Roast
- BBQ Chicken
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Cole Slaw
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Rolls
- Corn Bread
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar

This is an important event for our community every year and the proceeds are used to fund items such as student travel to sports and academic events during the school year. If you have items to donate or questions, please contact either Sandy Geagel at the school (234-7616) or Lisa O'Leary (234-5560). You can also drop donation items off at Susan B. English School.

**Can't make the auction for some reason?
Why not ask a friend to bid on something for you!**

Village Safe Water 95% Design Submittal

by Tom Glover

CRW Engineering has submitted the 95% Design plan to the City for upcoming VSW water and sewer work in Seldovia. The City strongly recommends that you study this document, especially if you are a land/home owner directly affected by this work, and submit your questions or concerns to the contacts listed below. **Construction on this project is scheduled to start in June, 2008 so ask your questions NOW, don't wait.**

Questions about easements should be directed to:

ALAN C. TRAWVER, SR/WA
TRAWVER LAND SERVICES
7900 Upper O'Malley Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507
Phone; (907) 346-2433, Fax (907) 346-2404
E-Mail: Alan@TrawverLandServices.com

If the above does not satisfy your questions or if you have non-land related questions about the project, please contact:


Dave Yanoshek, CRW Engineering
E-Mail: dyanoshek@crweng.com
Phone: (907) 646-5606

Click below to download the Design Submittal 31 page document, which is a 2.1 megabyte PDF file. The documents page size is of 11"x17", so the quality of the image is very good. You can simply view the document on your screen with Acrobat Reader or Acrobat will automatically scale the page size to fit your printer - for most people that would be 8-1/2" x 11". When you print the document, be sure to configure the printer to print in Landscape mode instead of the normal Portrait mode to get the best page fit. [Click here to obtain Acrobat Reader if your computer does not have the program installed.](#)

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Burn Permits

by Lisa O'Leary, Seldovia Fire Administrator



BURNING PERMITS

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for all burning, except small fires for cooking, warming, or signaling, and burning in a burn barrel set up to approved standards which include a metal mesh screen cover and location in a dirt area away from vegetation. Permits will also be required in September if fire season is extended due to dry weather conditions. When burning debris outside of fire season, state laws and regulations pertaining to burning practices remain in effect, including clearing the ground around burns and remaining in attendance of fires until they are completely extinguished.

A person burning in the city limits of **Homer** (235-3155), **Kenai** (283-7666), or **Seward** (224-3445) needs a permit year-round. For burning in the **Nikiski** area, call the Nikiski Fire Department, 283-4388, for a permit during fire season.

The Alaska Division of Forestry issues burn permits for all other areas on the western peninsula. Call 260-4261 or visit <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn> for information and a permit for a small, handled debris burn.

Standard terms apply to on-line issued permits including:


- Maximum size of 10'x10' and 4' high.
- Minimum 15' firebreak of dirt, sand, or gravel.
- Attendance of the fire with water and tools until the fire is out.
- No burning if winds exceed 5 mph.
- Call us to the call-in number listed on the permit each day prior to lighting the fire to record your burn and check on the status of burning suspensions.
- Persons must have the permit in their possession while burning.

For permits for burns larger than 10'x10' in diameter, dross piles, and field burns, call the Alaska Division of Forestry at 260-4269 during fire season to request an appointment.

Individuals who are burning in areas where burning permits are not required are encouraged to make a courtesy notification to their local emergency dispatch center to avoid fire dispatch to their controlled burn. For example, residents in Cooper Landing may notify Soldotna Communications Center at 262-4453, and persons burning across Kachemak Bay from Homer may call Homer Dispatch Center at 235-3150.

Reminder: If you burned in the spring prior to fire season utilizing snow for a firebreak, recheck the piles to ensure that they are out. Open the pile to the air and clear vegetation, especially dry grass, away from the pile.

ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY
KENAI-KODIAK AREA OFFICE
907-260-4260



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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!

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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Sen. Gary Stevens Interim Report - April

Hello again. What may be remembered as one of the most important legislative sessions in decades came to a close Sunday, April 13 when the gavel fell on the Second Session of the 25th Alaska Legislature. In the Senate, the Bipartisan Working Group concluded our work after meeting or exceeding all our stated goals.

The full report link below contains a 5 page summary of the proceedings.

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Special Notices

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 . **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

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City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

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Seldovia Police Report

by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

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