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**SBE Prom 2008**

**April 12, 2008**



Wendy Jean McKenna, daughter of Warren and Sandy Polsky's , passed away on May 6th, 2008. She was 41 years old. A celebration and honor of her life will be on May 16, 2008 at the Ft Richardson National Cemetary. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made in Wendy's memory to Friends of Pets, 4711 St, Anchorage. Condolences may be sent to Warren and Sandy at 4150 Vista Ct, Anchorage, Ak 99508

**Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends**

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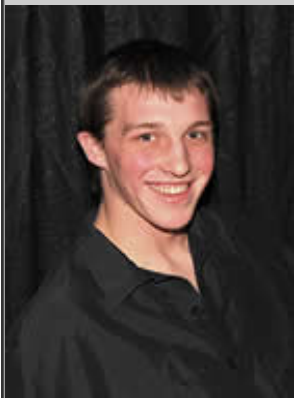
### SBE Seldovia Student Circus

by *Tamara Blodgett*

*Susan B. English puts on a "show" the old-fashioned way...*

Last Friday at 2PM marked the finale of 'clowning around' enjoyed by SBE students' grades K through seniors. Meghan Holtan came for two weeks to show students the tricks of the trade from Diablo, to juggling, to "spinning," all was accomplished in a short amount of time (just two weeks!).

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With great lighting and even better music it was very cirque du soleil-esque. Music poured out from speakers that was equal parts eerie and foreboding combined (bone-chilling fun). This added to the cool, white-clad students whom performed tricks in black lit glory. Students tumbled, juggled, spun ribbons, whirled with Diablo and eventually performed a number designed to imitate getting ready for a nap! This was not the case as the students slowly circled around one another in a liquid dance by using each others bodies as tools for climbing, bending, and eventually building body-defying pyramids.



Not to be put off, the high school students performed Diablo (similar to a yo-yo that spins but huge) and for the grand finale, a couple of brave kids attempted the unicycle! At the very end, the staff of SBE took over some of the action, performing a variety of acts that had been taught during Holtan's stay at the school.

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Susan B. English was grateful for all the parent volunteers, staff (especially Mrs. Bornheimer) and, most of all Ms. Holtan for making the trip to Seldovia to teach something unusual and fun for the kids to remember always. To learn more about Diablo juggling, visit the website [www.dube.com](http://www.dube.com).



A few older folks tried out their skills too . . .

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

*Mark your 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

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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. .

# The Annual Sea Otters Booster Club Dinner & Auction

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
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.



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### Corrections

► None this week

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

## Community Health Fair

*by Crystal Collier*

The Seldovia Village Tribe will be sponsoring the Annual Community Health Fair this Saturday - May 10th from 8AM to 12 Noon at the Seldovia Conference Center. There is a lot of free testing, health information and screenings that are available.

- Blood pressures
- Heart Monitoring
- Height, Weight, Vision screenings
- Blood Sugar Screenings
- Immunizations
- Tobacco Information
- Cancer education by Melany Cueva, ANMC
- Hearing Tests by Dave Burgerman, ANMC
- Dietician Erin Full from SCF
- HIV cheek swab tests by Kachemak Bay Family Planning
- WIC
- Personal Fitness Trainer Joanie Fogel
- Wilderness Gardner Annie Nixon
- Cooperative Extension Linda Tannahill

Blood tests will also be available:

- Chemistry/Hematology Profile \$40.00 Fasting is necessary! Watch for signs.
- Thyroid Test \$30.00
- Prostate Disease Screen \$25.00



Mark your calendars!! We hope to see you all at the Health Fair!

Ladies - Start your free health information on Friday Night May 9th - 7PM also at the Conference Center. Women's Health Class

Get information from specialist in Cancer prevention, Physical Therapy, Homeopathy and much more. Bring your questions or just come and get the latest information on staying healthy.

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## **Seldovia Sea Day at Jakolof Bay** *by Daisy Wheeler*

The kids all seemed to have a lot of fun dissecting clams at Kasitsna Bay Lab, doing scavenger hunts for local rock types at Jakolof Bay, measuring current speeds and making Japanese style fish prints. Seldovia Village Tribe and their Environmental Program would like to thank all the students for coming out, school staff for their help in planning Sea Day, Bree Murphy, Kris Holderied, Connie and Mike Geagel, Lisa O'Leary, Lisa Stanish, and Rod Hilts for their help teaching and chaperoning the trip.



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## **HEA 2008 Annual Meeting**

*Press Release*

Incumbent Homer Electric Association directors Hugh Chumley of Sterling (District 2) and Mike Pate of Homer (District 3) were elected to three-year

terms by the membership of the electric cooperative. Also elected to a seat on the board was David B. Thomas of Kenai (District 1).

The results were announced at the Homer Electric Association Annual Meeting at Soldotna High School on May 1.

In District 1, (Kenai – Nikiski - and parts of the Kasilof and Soldotna area), David B. Thomas received 830 votes and Ruth Fitzpatrick garnered 445 votes.

In District 2 (Soldotna – Sterling- Kasilof area), Hugh Chumley received 713 votes, Sonja Redmond received 554 votes, and Ed Oberts ended up with 405 votes.

In District 3 ( South Kasilof - Kachemak Bay area), Mike Pate ran unopposed and received 1,209 votes.

There were 4,321 votes cast in the election which is a 21 percent return.

The Annual Meeting was well attended, with 297 members registering and over 500 people present for the event.

**Scholarship Awards (\$2,000 each)**

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Adrianna Garcia – Kenai Central High School

Tasha Brown – Skyview High School

**Timothy O’Leary - Seldovia High School**

Nathan Elerick – Homer (continuing education)

Judy McDonald – Kenai (continuing education)

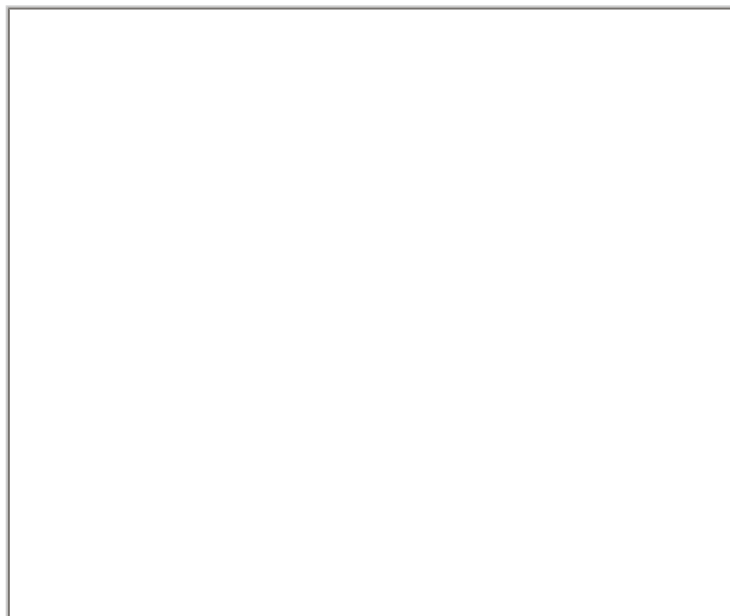
Stacey Whiteley – Kenai (continuing education)

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**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

## 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 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, dozer piles, and field burns, call the Alaska Division of Forestry at 260-4260 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 Goldstone 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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## 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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### Tidbits . . .

**Seldovia's 3rd Annual Craft Invitational Chain Saw Carving Contest is only 2 weeks away . . . don't miss this amazing event. Carving starts on Friday, May 23 and the judging and auction are on Sunday, May 25.**



**City Manager's Corner**

*by Howard Davis*

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

**Seldovia Police Report**

*by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

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

