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## Spotlight

## 2008 Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest



### Results of the 2008 contest

1st Place - Scott/Sandy Hanson

Whale Carving

2nd Place - Jimmy Kitchens/Carmen West

Ram Carving

3rd Place - Derrick Stanton/Hans Iverson

Prospector Carving

People's Choice - Derrick Stanton/Hans

Iverson

Prospector Carving

## Top Stories

### Susan B English School - Class of 2008

## Marketplace

 **Jenny Chissus**  
**234-8000**  
 Your Seldovia Connection  
[www.seldoviaproperty.com](http://www.seldoviaproperty.com)  
 RE/MAX of Homer

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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  
 City Office (907) 234-7643

▶ Tyler Tucker - Lots of Irons in the Fire



**School**

▶ Susan B English School by school reporters Katie O'Leary and Rochelle Purpura - Click here



**Notices & Newsletters**

▶ The Seldovia Visitor 2007, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. Click here to download PDF (6mb)

▶ Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)

▶ Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)

▶ Boys and Girls Club Calendar

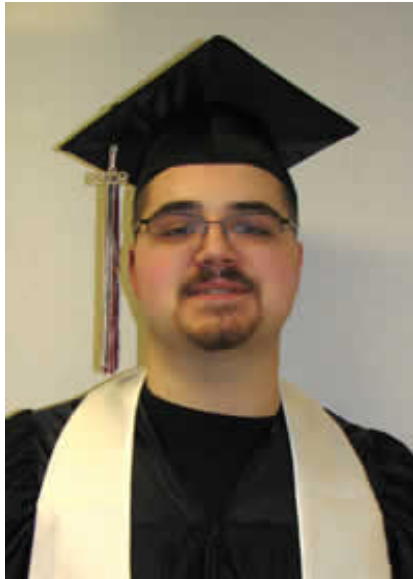
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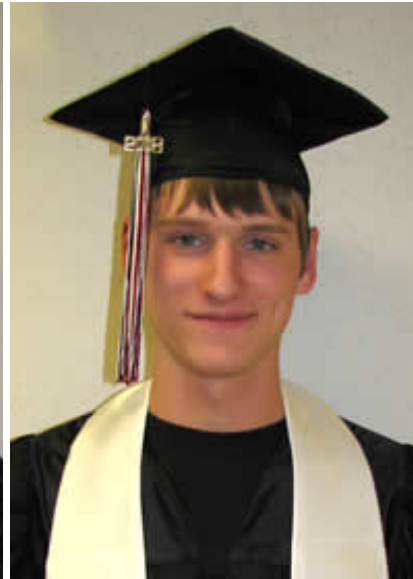
Griffin Swick



Harold Haynes



Josh Blodgett



KC Chissus



Levi Harkness



Tim O'Leary

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NEW! ▶ Reaction Time Test

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▶ [Basketball tournament State - March](#)

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▶ [Seldovia Lodge Fire](#)

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Tyler Tucker

Photos by  
Darlene Crawford

Watch next weeks paper for a Graduation PhotoStory . . .

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## Spring is in the Air

*by Lisa O'Leary*

The Community was wowed Monday evening, with a serenade of beautiful music from our own Susan B. English Choir students, conducted by Ms. Laurel Hiltz, and sponsored by Seldovia Village Tribe. The group of junior high and high school students have been practicing twice a week (and sometimes more) during this second semester, and the hard work has paid off!



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▶ [July 4 Festival](#)

▶ [Summer Solstice Music Festival - June](#)

▶ [CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May](#)

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▶ [SBE Science Fair - May](#)

▶ [Prom - May](#)

▶ [SBE Basketball - Feb.](#)

▶ [SBE Basketball - Feb.](#)

▶ [SBE Basketball - Jan.](#)

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## 2005 PhotoStories

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The group definitely has a strong male component, with the high school men leading the way in the vocal department. Soloist Lily Kroll let her light shine during “This Little Light of Mine,” a souped up version of an old Sunday school favorite. The ladies were not to be outdone during their turn at leading the pack! The comment was made by one of the audience, “That Laurel, she can get those kids to do anything, whether they want to or not!”

Audience participation was at an all time high when they were asked to sing along to “Goin’ to the Chapel.” That certainly brought back a lot of memories! Thank you, Susan B. English Choir, for the lovely concert, and the wonderful transition into spring!

## SBE School Picnic

by Tamara Blodgett

### *No end-of-the-school year blues for this group...*

With beautiful, shy sixty-degree weather heralding the summation of yet another year in school, shorts and football was the order of the day for Susan B. English students. A day of clean up and put away preceded the sports award ceremony for athletes that drew to a close with a barbecue including the favorite picnic fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and potato salad. Afterward, the boys (and a couple of stray girls) began a game of flag football in the school field. It was all or nothing with the seniors vs. the underclassmen. This mix seemed to work well as there is not a senior girl to be had! All testosterone on the field with the exception of a clever junior girl who was very adept at “stealing” the flags off the boys... you know who you are!



## Photo Archives

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### Corrections

None this week



The graduates will meet after school has ended today to go through their paces for the big day tomorrow, Thursday at 1:30PM will be commencement with an Outside Beach potluck planned for the evening. An open invitation to the community (typically Seldovian) has been extended and we expect a great crowd to congratulate our seven graduates. **Good fortune Class of 2008!**

## Annual Seldovia Piano Recital *by Tamara Blodgett*

### *Charity Winters puts in another year of hard work with talented youth...*

A bumper crop of talented young musicians has gravitated to mentor under the equally talented Charity Winters for piano study. Some of these first year students show great promise and enthusiasm and hope to continue during the summer months when school is not a conflict. As it was, all the students were grateful to finally play the pieces they had been working on since after Christmas! Many classic pieces were played with each student playing 2-3 pieces of their own selection to a full audience in the sanctuary of the Seldovia Bible Chapel. This group of kids included, youngest to oldest: 4th grader Thor Burt, 5th grader Levi Blodgett, 7th grader Sarah Geagel, 8th grader Sarah O'Leary, and sophomores Kathleen Gruber and Chelsea Suydam.



**Piano Teacher  
Charity Winters**





Charity is busy with two small children of her own and her dedication and patience to her small “flock” of budding musicians is admirable. We’re thrilled there are committed adults like Charity in the community, willing to share their unique talent and knowledge with others. Thank you!

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## **City Council Meeting May 14**     *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Carluccio, Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes, Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Dick Wyland presided with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes. City Manager Howard Davis was in attendance.

### **Ordinance Introduction**

#### **1. Ordinance 08-04, Amending the Sundry Fee Schedule (GLOVER)**

*Action:* Failed; dissenting votes: Gain, McInnes, Miller

#### **2. Ordinance 08-05, Setting the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget and Fee Schedule**

*Action:* Approved unanimously.

### **Public Presentation Prior Notice**

A member of the Public, Representative Paul Seaton, updated and summarized the most recent occurrences in the legislature with this year’s first ninety-day session. The legislature experienced conflict with the “educational foundation.” A task force was formed this past summer, which Seaton was a part of, that was instrumental in getting 100% of funding allocation being passed on to the school district in the next four years. With geographical differentials and special needs students being the top funding recipients.

Lands for trails continue to be a conflict with regard to owners giving up easement. Liability is a factor. If recreational use were granted through a “free easement,” this would negate that liability while not giving up any portion of their land for anything but recreational foot traffic.

The Kennicott Ferry will remain a full time winter presence this year. Cable/ electric upgrades that are sorely needed for replacement will be made in the near future. Two hundred and fifty million dollars will be available for alternative energy uses over the next four years beginning on July 1. This would be for use of wind or solar, for instance. Seaton emphasized Jakolof Bay Road ’s need for maintenance and encouraged its placement on the fiscal priority list. Please see Seaton’s newsletter for a comprehensive look at legislative action.

A member from the Public, *Gerry Willard* wished to thank Representative Seaton for his presence and hard work for our community; as did councilman McInnes.

*Councilman McInnes* mentioned that Seldovian Jack Thomas over the years has done quite a bit of road maintenance of Jakolof Bay Road .

## **Committee and Advisory Board Reports**

**Fish & Game** and **SOS** have nothing to report at this time.

**Planning & Zoning** plans an informal class on platting/replatting from the Borough at 2:30 on the 20th in the Multipurpose Room.

**Chamber of Commerce** wishes to remind the Public of the Chainsaw Carving Contest this Memorial Day Weekend.

## **Old Business**

### **Senior Meals**

Mayor Wyland is very pleased to say that he feels we will stay within the budget due to the efforts of the following volunteers: Don Sellinger and John Carluccio (to mention a few). Currently, flooring is the next step in the renovation process and will be installed within the next day.

**Action:** None, information only.

### **Husky II Moorage (J. Carluccio)**

This is an ongoing issue of the moorage of a compromised/derelict vessel. *Councilman Gain* mentioned it might be best to wait until such time as the owner can regain/substantiate clear title. *Councilman McInnes* said that if we extend a little more patience our efforts might be rewarded. *Councilman Carluccio* really wants to expedite this process and get this non-paying vessel that is in poor shape out of our harbor. Gain reemphasized that the whole community wants the boat gone but went on to say that this owner is trying to make a good faith effort to get this situation resolved. Gain wishes to exhaust all alternatives before the City would expend funds in the manner of stripping

fluids, taking responsibility/liability for this vessel by towing, etc.

*Action:* None, update/discussion only.

## **New Business**

### **Susan B. English Gaming Permit**

This is a possible way to allow SBE to make extra money for funding extra curricular activities. Our small school needs funding to allow the students as comprehensive an education as possible.

*Action:* Motion of non objection approved unanimously.

### **City Manager Position**

The City Manager has submitted his resignation on May 2nd with his final day May 30th.

*Councilman McInnes, Glover, Patrick and Gain* wished to mention how much they appreciated the efforts of Howard Davis as City Manager.

City Manager Davis mentioned he tried to do the best he could.

There will be a special meeting on May 21st @ 1:30 .

*Action:* Motion to accept the resignation,  
Passed, dissenting vote: Gain.

### **New Position for Clerk Department (McInnes)**

This position has been put forward and spoken about for some time, as long ago as last summer. Some clerical duties are not getting completed in a timely manner; the city office is undermanned. Councilman McInnes believes we need at least a twenty-hour per week position (clerk/treasurer assistant). When the former City Manager resigned last year, the interim put a great strain on the remaining clerks until another City Manager could be hired. After Council discussion it was determined that it needs to be advertised as a temporary position until such time that budget determinations would allow it to become a permanent position.

A member of the Public, *Paulie Carluccio*, felt that waiting until such time as Council could offer the position as “permanent” would be better for longevity of a future employee.

*Councilman Gain* is concerned about the long-term sustainability of this position (as a permanent) within the constraints of our limited City budget. *Gain does support* a temporary part time position.

*Councilman McInnes* has seen the struggles of the workload first hand of the city workers and feels immediate relief is cost-efficient in the long run.

*Mayor Wyland* agrees that extra staffing is needed.

**Action:** Motion to hire a temporary clerk approved unanimously.

### **Police Chief Anderson Legal and Personnel Issue (executive session)**

{To paraphrase}

The City Council is not conducting an investigation or holding a hearing. An investigation has already been completed and Chief Anderson has had full opportunity to participate in this invitation. The Council is convening together to discuss Chief Anderson's investigation, which includes matters, that by state law cannot be revealed to the public. Neither I, the city manager or the city council will discuss these matters with the Public. At which time the Council decides if or what action to take on the Anderson case, then a statement will be released that conforms to the law.

The Council went into Executive Session near the end of the City Council meeting and after that session, the follow statement was made:

The City Council has reconvened back into Public Session. The Council has reviewed and discussed all aspects of the Anderson investigation. No action was taken in the Executive Session.  
What is the pleasure of the Council?

The following motion was made and approved unanimously:

The City Manager is directed to create a strongly worded Letter of Reprimand and a Job Jeopardy Warning for Chief Anderson. The City Manager is further directed to strictly limit the Chief's communication on behalf of the City.

There were no further discussions and the City Manager, City Council, Mayor, and City staff are all prohibited from having any discussions with the public on this issue. This is a City of Seldovia personnel issue and both state and local laws prohibit the release of any information in personnel files to the public.

**Action:** Approved unanimously.

**City Manager's Report, see below.**

### **Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda**

*Councilman McInnes* wished to thank City Manager Davis for his efforts as City Manager and felt he did a good job and is a nice person as well. *City Manager Davis* said it was a difficult decision and he would miss everyone.

**Next Meeting** May 28th, 2008

**Adjournment:** Time elapsed one hour, thirty-two minutes and forty-nine seconds

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## HEA 2008 Construction Schedule *Press Release*

Homer Electric Association is currently preparing scheduled visits for new line extensions and services in the south Kachemak Bay area between Halibut Cove and Nanwalek. Designated construction dates have been selected for each area (see map in the pdf file below). Please contact Homer Electric Engineering Department with your plans for new line extensions and services to be coordinated with other work in those designated areas and times. Construction projects scheduled during the designated dates will not be charged for non-standard construction costs associated with working in the south Kachemak Bay area (barge and helicopter time).

Please review the schedule below and contact HEA at 1 (800) 478-8551 x 3351 to plan your 2008 construction project. Thank you!

[Click here to view map and schedule \(pdf\)](#)

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## VSW Schedule for Seldovia Jobs

*If you want a job on the Seldovia's water/sewer project,*

***YOU MUST TURN IN AN APPLICATION NOW!***

Seldovia's Village Safe Water Project construction phase will start on approximately June 6th, 2008. If you are anticipating getting a job on this project, you **MUST** file your application now. Interviews will be done on June 12th and if the job slots can not be filled locally, outside workers will be brought in immediately. Job applications are available at the City Office or you can call the Seldovia City Clerk for details at 234-7643. If necessary, the blank application can be faxed to an applicant and the applicant can fax the filled out application back to the City.

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## Burn Permits *by Lisa O'Leary, Seldovia Fire Administrator*



**BURNING PERMITS**

**BURNING PERMITS are required** by the Alaska Division of Forestry for open burning on the western Kenai Peninsula from April 1 to August 31

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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, dioxer 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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## 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  
[lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com](mailto:lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com)

**Tidbits . . .**

Put June 1 on your calendars for the Sera Baxter & John Allardice wedding. Everyone welcome, Susan B English School lawn, public potluck reception.



**City Manager's Corner**

*by Howard Davis*

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

**Seldovia Police Report**

*by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

The Anchorage Police Dept. contacted the Seldovia Police after one of our citizens was reported missing. The alleged missing person was called by the Police and found to be safe and in her home here in town. A letter was sent to the Anchorage Police Dept. verifying her safety.

A man reported his vehicle gasoline had been siphoned and approximately 10 gallons of gas was taken while the vehicle was parked by his hanger at the Seldovia Airport. This is the second time he has lost gasoline from the van. It was parked in that location approximately one month ago and the tank was emptied at that time too.

A man reported damage to his boat while it was moored in the Seldovia Boat Harbor. The boat moored next to him was not properly tied and the wind blew the boat into the port stern of the victim's boat, doing damage. The owner of the boat that did the damage was contacted and he, in turn, contacted the victim. Arrangements have been made for repairs between the two parties.

Numerous beer cans and other trash was found at the RV Park following, what appears to be, a large party on the night of 5/16 -5/17. I would hope those frequenting the Outside Beach and RV Park areas for this activity would take a little more pride in the area and pick up after themselves. Littering is an offense that can cost the offender a great deal of money. It really isn't MACHO to be a jerk.

A man locked his keys in his vehicle and requested assistance from the Police. After a time the door was opened and the man was able to again utilize his vehicle.

Police assisted a local contractor by flagging a wide load from his Construction Yard to the area of 1 mile, Jakolof Bay Road.

A young lady needed her fingerprints taken for employment purposes and came to the PD where the fingerprints were rolled.

A young lady was stopped for speeding on a 4-wheeler. She was going too fast in town and on Jakolof Bay Road. She was not carrying her operator's license and was told one must have the license on them when operating a vehicle. She was given a verbal warning for both offenses.

Chief Anderson met with two representatives of ACS who were in Seldovia to explore what resources were available for the installation of a permanent cell phone tower. They were introduced to the people who could assist them in their efforts and the necessary paperwork was received from City Hall for the permitting requirements for the project. Hopefully within a couple months the 75' tower will be in place and the coverage for the cell phones will take in a much larger area than the portable antenna, the Communication on Wheels, or the COW, which is now in use. The representatives stated another tower is planned for the Anchor Point area which will also tend to enlarge the footprint, or the area of the coverage. We're moving into the 21st century folks.

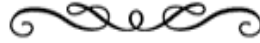
A welfare check was conducted on a man on Jakolof Bay Road after a concerned citizen reported no smoke coming from his wood stove chimney. All was found to be fine and he had let the fire go out due to the home being too warm.

A local B&B reported a possible scam after receiving a call concerning lodging and then receiving a check for twice the amount of the costs they were quoted. Another contact was then received wherein the man stated his travel agent had made a mistake and had sent too much money and he asked if the owner would send him a check to refund the difference. The owner told the caller the refund would be made after his check cleared the bank. The investigation continues in this matter but beware of these type inquiries. If it doesn't feel right to you, trust your feelings. A lot of people are trying a lot of different techniques to get into your pocket book.

A man reported his pickup truck was damaged sometime within the last two weeks, while parked in the parking lot at the airport. Someone shot arrows at the vehicle doing damage to the windshield and the trim around the windshield. Two arrows were recovered in the area near his pickup truck and the damages are consistent with damage from the arrow heads. Anyone seeing anyone in the area with a bow and arrow in the last couple weeks is encouraged to contact the Police Department. Damaging others property is called Vandalism or Criminal Mischief and the guilty parties would be responsible for the repair as well as getting a chance to tell the Judge why they damaged the vehicle.

A number of bear hunters are coming to Seldovia to hunt black bear. Be aware of this and be careful when you are in the outer areas. At present I believe there is more hunters than bear and this can create a hazard.

The Police Report in the Gazette is usually reported every two weeks but, due to the significant increase in activity, and the need to make the Public aware of some of the investigations, I decided to include a report this week. All the aforementioned reported activities have taken place between May 15th and May 22nd. It MUST be spring.



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