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## Spotlight

## Marketplace

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

## Kachemak Bay Online Mall



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



**Susan B English Class of 2008**  
**Graduation PhotoStory**  
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Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of

**Myra Mumchuck**

The funeral service will be held at the Russian Orthodox Church on Wednesday, June 11th at 2:00 pm with burial to follow at 3:00 pm at the Seldovia Cemetery, followed by a community potluck at 4:00 pm at Seldovia Bible Chapel.

## Top Stories

### Melissa Mitchell Concert

by Susan Zerwick

*Don't miss the Melissa Mitchell Band concert this week!*

Saturday May 31, 7:30pm at the Tribal Cache deck

The [Melissa Mitchell Band](#) comes to Seldovia Saturday May 31 for an evening of soulful, jazzy music that'll be great to dance to. Melissa is native to Alaska and has been playing in and around the state and the Pacific Northwest for over a decade. A singer and songwriter inspired by musicians such as Ani DiFranco, Bonnie Raitt and James Taylor, she has a repertoire ranging from classic rock to jazz. She sings with a smooth, powerful voice and a passionate, heartfelt style. Melissa brings with her Dawn Venters (string bass), Tori Duggan (fiddle) and Kliff Hopson (percussion).

## ▶ 2008 Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest



### 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

The concert is brought to you by grants from the [Alaska State Council on the Arts](#) and the [Western States Arts Federation](#) and the [Seldovia Arts Council](#).

If the weather turns inclement the alternate venue is the Susan B. English School. Tickets are available at the door for \$15/adult, \$8/child, or \$35/family.

## Giles-Eck Wedding

*by Tom Glover*

Spencer Giles and Carlise Eck tied the knot at Seldovia Bible Chapel on May 24, 2008. Pastor Tim Volstad performed the ceremony in front of a standing room only crowd and the reception (with world class food of course!) was held at Doug and Cathy Giles home. Congratulations!



## Seldovia Gazette Schedule Change *by Tom Glover*

Summer is here and we're going fishing! We have made a decision to shift from a weekly edition of the online paper to a bi-monthly publishing schedule for the summer. The paper will be published on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

The School and the Spotlight pages will not be active this summer. The Calendar, Opinions and Classified pages will be active. The Police Report will always be posted as soon as we receive it.

News Flashes will be published as they occur in the area above the "Top Stories" line at the top of this page.

## City Council Meeting May 28 *by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: John Carluccio, Keith Gain, Tom Glover, Walter McInnes,

### WebSite Favorites

▶ AllMyFaves

▶ Animal Poison Control Center

NEW! ▶ GE Home Energy Cost Calculator

NEW! ▶ Health Square Medical Information

▶ NASA Picture of the Day

▶ Reaction Time Test

## Archives

### 2008 Archives

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▶ [SBE Prom April 12](#)

▶ [B&G Club Talent Show and Dinner March 28](#)

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▶ [Basketball tournament in Seldovia - February](#)

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▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007](#)

### 2007 PhotoStories

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▶ [Halloween Carnival](#)

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▶ [Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May](#)

▶ [SBE Graduation - May](#)

▶ [Seldovia Lodge Fire](#)

▶ [SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"](#)

▶ [SBE Last Home](#)

▶ [Basketball Game of the Season](#)

### 2006 Archives

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▶ [Seldovia Walking Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf](#)

▶ [Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2006](#)

Allison Miller and Gerry Patrick. Mayor Dick Wyland presided with City Clerk Ronda Haynes taking minutes. City Manager Howard Davis was in attendance.

## Report will be delayed for several days, reporter out of town

## Sen. Gary Stevens Newsletter - May

Hello again. Just a few days remain until the Legislature returns to Juneau for the June 3rd start of the special session. At issue is consideration of the governor's recommended contract to TransCanada for the construction of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope . Should lawmakers approve the contract, TransCanada will receive seed money of \$500 million and the exclusive state license. The company will also be bound to hold an open season to allow natural gas producers the opportunity to bid for space in the pipeline. Another proposed pipeline, to be built by BP and Conoco, does not need a state license to produce, and will not require state seed money.

Plans call for the Legislature to hold several days of hearings in Juneau before committees begin a series of statewide hearings, starting with three days in Fairbanks, followed by five days in Anchorage, and one day each in the Mat-Su Valley, Kenai and Barrow. A hearing in Ketchikan will take place in July. Additional details on the meetings will be released in the near future.

It is likely we will need more than one special session to consider the contract. As a member of the Senate Leadership, I assure you the Legislature will give the proposed contract a thorough vetting to ensure it provides the maximum benefits for Alaska on our terms.

[Click here to read the full Report](#)

## 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.

## Burn Permits

by Lisa O'Leary, Seldovia Fire Administrator

**2006 PhotoStories**

▶ SBE Play - December

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 3▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 2▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip -  
July 25 - Part 1

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Summer Solstice Music  
Festival - June▶ CofC Chainsaw  
Carving Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

▶ SBE Spring Concert -  
May

▶ SBE School Play - May

▶ SBE Science Fair - May

▶ Prom - May

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.

**2005 Archives**

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Summer

Gazette Newspaper

▶ Seldovia Summer

Gazette Newspaper 2004

**2005 PhotoStories**

▶ SBE Christmas Play

▶ SBE Halloween Carnival

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over the past years](#)**Classified Rates**▶ [Instructions and rate  
sheet](#)**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, handied 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 burn 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 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

The Seldovia Boys & Girls Club will be open throughout the summer. We will have various activities and programs going on. Here are our hours:

- Clubhouse – Mondays through Fridays, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Music Lessons – Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. on
- Adult Acoustic Guitar Class – Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.
- Adult Band Practice – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Kids Karate – Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Intermediate Karate Class – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Pottery for Kids – Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym or Open Club – Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Night – Fridays from 9:00 – midnight

Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia  
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours  
[lilts@positiveplaceforkids.com](mailto:lilts@positiveplaceforkids.com)

**Tidbits . . .**



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### Corrections

None this week

This visitor showed up on Lake Susan on Thursday afternoon



### City Manager's Corner

by Howard Davis

Final Managers Report by Howard Davis ( 05/15/08 to 5/28/08)

- **Denali Commission, Small Boat Harbor Grant:** The Requests for Proposals (RFP) are being drafted for Construction Management.
- **Husky II:** No new news on the Husky II
- **VSW/CRW:** 1) Startup and Employment Interview scheduling is expected to begin around 6/13/08 through 6/21/08 . Employment applications are available at the City Offices during normal office hours. 2) All applications for employment, turned in, have been mailed to CRW. If you have not completed an application and intend to please do so as soon as possible. 4) CRW is moving ahead with the purchase of materials. 6) The construction staging area will be completely fenced in the next few weeks. If any residents have personal property stored at this location please make arrangements to relocate it.

The Water Test Lab equipment has been ordered.

- **EPA Grant:** The State Legislature has approved partial funding for this grant and it appears that Gov. Palin will approve it but the final outcome is still to be determined.
- **Waterfront Marine Industrial Center :** 1) Potential businesses are being contacted. 2) Rumor has it that Michel Bieri has pulled out of the value added fish packaging plan. The City has had no contact from Michel either confirming or denying this rumor.
- **Senior Meals:** The kitchen construction is nearing completion.
- **City Employment Positions:**
  - 1) Harbor Assistants 1 & 2 have been hired:  
Mary Ann Agli and Sue Burnette

- 2) City Custodian has been hired:  
Gail Waterbury
- 3) Food Manager/Chef has been hired:  
Gail Waterbury
- 4) Cook Assistant will be determined by 5/30/08 if possible.
- 5) Temporary (90 days, 10 hrs. per week) Police Clerk has been hired:  
Dianne Gruber
- 6) Ferry Agent/Line Handler position is open.
- 7) On Call DPW Worker position is still open.
- The City of Seldovia has completed its investigation of allegations of official misconduct made against Chief of Police A.W. "Andy" Anderson and concluded that serious misconduct, administrative in nature, occurred. Appropriate disciplinary and remedial actions, recommended by the City Council, have been taken.

All details of the case beyond those stated in this public statement are confidential.

**Seldovia Police Report** by *Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

A Probation Officer from the Kenai Probation Office asked that a message be delivered to a man in Seldovia concerning a meeting he had missed. The message was delivered.

A party involving alcohol, where teenagers were reported to be present, was broken up after Police responded to the Jakolof Bay Airport area. Only a couple people were present when the Police arrived and those who fled into the wooded areas were hailed on the public address system on the patrol vehicle. Some adults were present at the time and were warned over the public address system.

**NOTE: IF YOU ARE BUYING ALCOHOL FOR OUR TEENAGERS, OR IF YOU ARE PARTYING WITH PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 21, WE WILL BE DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO BRING YOU BEFORE THE COURT ON CHARGES OF EITHER " FURNISHING LIQUOR TO MINORS" OR " CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR", OR BOTH. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTY DO IT WITH ADULTS OTHERWISE TAKE YOUR CHANCES OF BEING CHARGED CRIMINALLY.**

A local citizen reported a danger tree was leaning into a power line and pole in the Russian Trailer Park. The information was relayed to HEA.

Two people came to the Police Department needing their fingerprints rolled for employment purposes.

Police assisted a motorist when his vehicle failed to start. After jumping it did not work the vehicle was towed to the man's place of employment.

A man locked his keys inside his vehicle at the Seldovia Airport. Police were able to unlock the door and retrieve the keys for the man.

A man reportedly ran off the road on Jakolof Bay Road. He was contacted by the Police and a subsequent investigation resulted in his being arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Arraignment was set for June 3 rd at 0900 hours and he was released on a \$500 unsecured bond after he agreed to stay out of the bars, not to drink intoxicating liquor and not to drive without a valid license and insurance as per the Magistrate's orders.

A van was taken from the area of 1.5 mile, Rocky Ridge Road, and was found parked at the Seldovia Airport at Smokey Bay Airlines. The doors were locked by who ever took it but no damage was observed. The owner was contacted and told where the vehicle was located.

Two youngsters were reportedly responsible for a grass fire that nearly got out of control in a residential area here in town. The parents of the juveniles were notified and the matter was handled informally by the Police.

Three black bears were sealed since the last report.

A man was just starting to take off in his aircraft when the right wheel busted. The plane was not damaged and no one was injured in the mishap but the aircraft did set partially on the runway for a period of time until another tire and rim could be located and put on.

An iPod was reportedly taken while a group of youngsters were on an outing at the Outside Beach Park. The iPod is valued at \$300 and is black in color. Anyone having any information as to the location of the iPod should contact the Police Department.

The door window on the Northeast side of the Post Office building was broken out. Anyone having any information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Police.

Police were informed that a man attempting to take a black bear in the area of the Seldovia Landfill shot the bear but did not kill it. Evidence of the bear being wounded was found but the bear has yet to be found. Be aware of a possible wounded bear when you are in the outer areas.

Metal artwork that was adhered to the railing at the Harbor Master's Office has been taken sometime during the winter months. A ship with the wording, "Beware, Harbor Master Aboard" was cut out of the metal by a friend of the Harbor Master's. Anyone having any information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Harbor Master or the Police Department.

After complaints were received of near accidents on Airport Avenue, the Police contacted the owner of two vehicles and they were removed from the roadway.

A Federal Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officer requested the Police assist them in locating a boat that was observed at the head of Tutka Bay when persons aboard shot a Sea Otter and took only the back strap before disposing of the carcass. Police were unable to locate the boat described by the Federal Fish & Wildlife Officer.

A man who was late for a trip to Homer from Jakolof Bay was reportedly overdue from his cabin. Police were in route to do a welfare check when they met the man on the roadway. Nothing was wrong but he thought the departure time was an hour later than it actually was.

Police assisted a local contractor by flagging a wide load from .7 mile, Jakolof Bay Road to Main Street. The move was made without incident.

A lady reported the loss of a cell phone on or around May 17th and described the phone as a gray Rucker slide up model cell phone. Anyone with information regarding the phone should contact the Police Department.

This report is for the period of May 23rd through May 29th. Anyone having any information regarding this report, or previous reports, is encouraged to call the Police Department. This is your town and we need your assistance to Police it. Do your part and call when you see something you know to be wrong or when you have information that will aide in an investigation.

