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## Ruth Sensenig . . . Adventurous at Heart

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New Susan B. English Language Arts teacher, Ruth Sensenig, is all about the new life experience and enjoying each day as it comes. Moving to Seldovia is in keeping with this fresh and unique mindset. In interviewing Ruth, I couldn't help but be impacted by her engaging and energized view of her existence. She truly looks forward to what life has to offer and with this in mind, requested Seldovia as her next lily pad to land on.

Originally from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Ruth spent her early years back east, dreaming of a future where travel was a part. She attended school and received an associates degree in Automotive Technology. It is more of a I-can-do-it (and do it well) than an overriding passion of hers. Being

After graduating from the University of Alaska in Anchorage with a Major in English, Ruth fulfilled her student teaching requirements in Soldotna. She says this is her first "real teaching job." Ruth has a total of nine high school students in the three English classes she teaches and is exhilarated over her first week at SBE.

Seldovia was a deliberate choice on her part, with at least ten other locations in the running during her job selection process. She had positive feelings about Seldovia from the start and is a self-described, "...small town girl at heart." Currently, Ruth has digs, "out-the-road" and travels unencumbered by the typical trappings. She is most

skilled in a traditionally male-dominated profession did not hurt Ruth's diversity when she went to work for First National Bank as well as a fishing stint while living in Homer. It was there that a pseudo-mother figure suggested she had an aptitude for working with others and should try her hand at teaching. Ruth decided to give it a try and the rest, as they say, is history.

interested in "writing for a purpose." This poses writing that is not just for writing's sake, but will also come full-circle, with possible publishing as a natural part of the process. Ruth believes that teaching is more than just a grade, but that practical application in real life plays an equally important role. "Real life consequence," as Ruth puts it, is life's *real* teaching tool. It is that perspective that Ruth plans to emphasize while she is teaching at SBE. We wish Ruth well. In teaching Seldovia's children, she could not have chosen a better place in which to endeavor to have her efforts towards our children recognized and appreciated.

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