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Seldovia's Halloween Carnival
2008

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In Memory of "Juneau John" Ardenia



Our deepest sympathies
to the family and friends of

John Ardenia, Sr
2/2/1938 - 11/11/2008

Funeral service is at 11:00am at the
Russian Orthodox Church, Friday, November 14.

SBE Wrestlers in Seward

by *Tamara Blodgett*

Our boys were "King of the Mountain..."

Coach Blodgett said it best with, "...[this is] the first time in quite a few years we have taken [a] first place in a weight class at a large tourney. It also reflects how they match up in our conference. Except Gain, (152-pound junior), his only loss was to a 4A school (non-conference). Both Gain and Geagel remain unbeaten in conference match-ups at weight. Kroll (189-pound senior) is currently #2 in conference. Our next big tourney will be November 14th, at ACS in Anchorage."

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Senior Meals

Every Monday,
Wednesday and
Friday
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MultiPurpose Room.

Opinions



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- Sunni Hilts

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Seniors Jordan Geagel in the 215-pound weight class and Oren Kroll in the 189-pound weight class placed **first** and **fifth**, respectively. Junior Matthew Gain placed **second** in the 152-pound weight class. Freshman Cameren Blodgett did not place in the 119-pound weight class.

As stated above, our boys will be traveling to Anchorage on the weekend of

Seniors 60 and over and spouses any age qualify, as well as, disabled persons and their caregivers. Suggested donation \$4 ~ ~ ~ Guests (under 60) \$8 ~ ~ ~

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the 14th to attend the pivotal Anchorage Christian Schools Regional Tournament. Coach Blodgett said that the ACS Tournament is the, "... premier small school tournament in the state, surpassed only by the state tournament itself."

Seldovia Parks & Rec. Committee

by *Mary Glover*

Special Meeting November 7, 2008

Special Meeting was called and public notice was duly given for the purpose of discussing two items in particular: The Proposal of the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce Greenbelt Project and Lollipop Park status. A quorum was present. (FYI: The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce was told by Mayor Keith Gain at a workshop meeting by the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce that the next step was to take the project before the Seldovia Parks & Recreation Committee (SPRC). Because two members of the SPRC were going to be out-of-town in the near future and not returning for sometime, a special meeting was called. Even though the meeting was held at 1:30 PM on a Friday, the meeting was well attended by the public. In fact, more public attended this meeting than many meetings in the recent past.

Peggy Keesecker, President of the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation for the "Greenbelt Project" ([click here to see pdf attached](#)). She explained, that in order to write a grant this winter that permission to use the lots zoned as "public land" would have to be given. The plans included: a park with a pavilion, development of parking area, snow removal areas, boardwalk decks, planters, a sidewalk. The pavilion would be placed on Lot 1, Block 13. After hearing the presentation, a discussion followed. The SPRC moved as a committee to recommend to pass the project forward to the Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission for it to be considered in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan.



The SPRC then moved ahead with a discussion about Lollipop Park. A couple of people spoke to the issue of the creosote pilings in the Lollipop Park site. The SPRC decided to seek an Environmental Engineer to set aside the "fears" for the use of the creosote pilings in this area. The SPRC was all in one accord with proceeding with the current plans for Lollipop Park and to finalize the project.

Additional Plans by SPRC:

1. Obtaining an easement along Outside Beach above high tide level so that a bridge crossing can be built over the outflow from Trina Lake to the Bay allowing access to Outside Beach at any tide.

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2. Steps down the bank beside the Slough Bride to allow safe access for people fishing.

3. Seafarer Memorial.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be the 4th Thursday in March at the Multipurpose Room. However, a Special Meeting may be called in the interim period.

SBE Fund Raiser - Christmas Shopping Online

Help the SBE kids out with their fund raiser!

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Christmas shopping online?

If you have plans to Christmas shop online, please consider shopping through boxtops4education.com. It is easy and it will help raise money for our students at Susan B. English School.

Log on to boxtops4education.com
Click on "Sign up now" in upper right hand corner
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After you are logged on, click on the marketplace tap on the top of the page. This will display all the stores that participate in box tops. Click on the store you wish to shop at and this will take you directly to their web site.

The stores at boxtops4educations.com marketplace will donate a percentage of your total purchase price to our school. Some of these stores donate as high as 8%. You can only get this through the box tops marketplace.

If you have any questions please call me at home (234-7635). Thank you for taking the time to supporting our students at Susan B. English.

Happy and Safe Holidays,
Ronene Gain

Sunni Hilts Elected to AASB Board of Directors

The [Alaska Association of School Boards](http://www.aasb.org) met for its annual statewide convention last weekend. This organization has been the driving force in improving the education of Alaska's children. They have spearheaded the Kenai's struggle to receive fair funding for its schools, and have asked the State of Alaska to make children our top priority. At the annual election Sunni Hilts was elected to the Board of Directors of AASB. This position involves leadership in providing resources to school boards across the state, lobbying the legislature on behalf of education, and bringing the newest and best strategies for improving our schools and our children's opportunities to the educators of Alaska. Mrs. Hilts will serve a three year term.

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Corrections

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P&Z Meeting November 3

by *Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia P&Z convened together to include the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio (chair) and Bobbi Sweatt.

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

A member of the Public, *Jerry Stranik*, posed the question about the legality of building a home/structure that spans two lots. Verification would need to be made from the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Consideration of Site Plans

Building permit submitted by Craig Barnard.

Action: Approved.

Commission Business

The Commission will hold workshops in which code changes for non-compliant buildings will be addressed.

Comments of the Audience

Tim Dillon commented on future project owners having access to the Commission regarding building-specific questions. *Hugh Smith* had some concerns over the current building height restriction. Furthermore, to paraphrase Smith's words that building form should be in direct relation to the function and should not be dictated by a number.

Next Meeting December 1, 2008 .

Adjournment (including post Commission Meeting workshop) approximately 2 hours and 35 minutes.

Bieri's Open Paris Bakery in Anchorage

by *Mary Glover*

Michelle and Lisa Bieri, new owners of the Paris Bakery Café in Anchorage, are inviting Seldovians to come in and see their new facility and enjoy their good food when in Anchorage. It is located at 500 Muldoon Road, Suite 6. Phone: 907-337-2575.

Tom and I stopped by while they were still remodeling and getting ready for the contractor to come the next day. Both Michelle and Lisa were excited and anticipating a grand opening. They will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Two HEA Board of Directors Resign *Press Release*

Board President Dave Carey and board member Hugh Chumley have resigned from the Homer Electric Board of Directors. The resignations were announced at Tuesday evening's Homer Electric board meeting and are effective immediately.

Mr. Carey was recently elected to serve as the mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. After the election, Mayor Carey selected Hugh Chumley to be his Chief of Staff. The two longtime HEA board members discussed their dual roles with the Borough attorney and came to the conclusion that it was best for all concerned that they resign from the Homer Electric Board.

Dave Carey was first elected to the Homer Electric Board in 1988 and has served continuously since 1990. He has been Board President for the past six years. His current HEA board term expires in May 2009.

Hugh Chumley was on the board from 1988-1996 and again from 2002 to the present. His term expires in May 2011.

HEA General Manager Brad Janorschke said that both Dave Carey and Hugh Chumley were exceptional board members and will be missed.

“Mayor Carey and Mr. Chumley always placed the interest of the members at the forefront of any issue that the board was dealing with. Their level of expertise and professionalism will be difficult to replace. I wish them well in their new positions with the Borough and look forward to working with them in the future”, said Janorschke.

The Homer Electric Board will appoint two members from District 2 (Soldotna-Sterling-Kasilof) to fill the vacant seats. The appointments will be for the length of the term of each of the seats (May 2009 and May 2011). When the terms expire, the seat will be filled by the membership through the annual meeting election process. Interested applicants can pick up an application packet for either of the open seats at Homer Electric offices in Kenai or Homer. Applications will also be available on line at www.homerelectric.com

Applications should be turned in to either Homer Electric office by Thursday, December 4, at 5 PM. The board will conduct interviews of applicants on Monday, December 8, at 5:30 PM in the Kenai HEA office.

For additional information on this press release, please contact:
Joe Gallagher, Homer Electric Association, Public Relations Coordinator
907.283.2324

Sen Gary Stevens Interim Report

Hello again. Winter weather has begun settling in around the region, a not so subtle reminder that lawmakers will soon be making preparations for the 2009 legislative session. With ten state Senate seats and all forty House seats up for election this year, and several lawmakers not seeking reelection, we will see many new faces in the Capitol. Before we get to that point, of course, there is the general elections themselves, Tuesday, November 4th. I hope you will take the time to vote in this critical election.

In addition to your vote for president, U.S. Senator and Representative, and your local representative to the State House, you will have the opportunity to cast their ballot for a State General Obligation Transportation Project bonds package. Included in the \$315 million bond package is \$4 million for a dock replacement project for Old Harbor, and a \$2.85 million dock replacement project for Ouzinkie, as well as funding for various road projects throughout Alaska. The bonds for these important projects will be paid from the state's general fund and will not impact your local property tax by any means. I encourage you to give this critical infrastructure ballot measure careful consideration when you go to the polls.

Additional items covered in the Interim Report:

- **Heating Assistance**
- **Call for Board of Game Proposals**
- **PFD Still Working Through Many Applications**

[Click here for the complete report](#)

Special Notices

Seldovia Crafters Upcoming Bazaars

We have reserved the Library Multi-purpose room for Saturday November 15th from 10 am - 3pm for a Craft Bazaar to start the Christmas Season and will have another one in conjunction with the Chamber's Tree lighting downtown, also at the Multi-purpose room on November 29th from 4pm - 8pm.

We would also like to extend an invitation to other crafters in the community to come and sell their handmade items or stop by and check us out. If they have any questions they can call Sandy at 234-7465.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and share a cup of coffee or tea and visit with us.

See you there!
The Seldovia Crafters

NO Parked Vehicles allowed on Roadway!

“PUBLIC NOTICE”

Winter is here and with it comes the snow. Due to problems in the past concerning snow removal and vehicles being parked on the roadway, we are going to be enforcing “*Off Road Parking*” starting immediately. Please do not park on the streets or roadways. Those of you who do park on the streets at your homes must now make other arrangements for parking your vehicles. With enforcement comes “*Citations*” and/or “*Impounds*”, neither of which we wish to do. We will, however, do whatever necessary to insure the snow removal can take place without any obstructions on the roadways. Thank you, in advance, for taking necessary steps to comply with this request.

A.W. Anderson
Chief of Police

Boys & Girls Club Update . . .

by Laurel Hilts

[Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Quarterly Newsletter - Click here . . .](#)

The Clubhouse is open from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Pottery is open Mondays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Power Hour is open Mondays – Thursdays from 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.
The Seldovia Village Tribe offers Teen Night on 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

Bob Williams, Teacher of the Year

Bob Williams, son of Bob and Phyllis Williams is this years Alaska teacher of the year. As a child, Bob spent his summers in Seldovia.

Tidbits . . .

With another clear sky night, we just had to shoot the moon again!



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

City Manager Report - no report this week

Seldovia Police Report

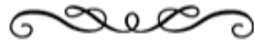
by Chief A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD

The following report covers Police related incidents from 10/22/08 – 11/12/08.

- A door was reportedly observed to be open on a newly built cabin on Young Street. The Police responded and found the door would not latch. The Officer tied the door shut.
- Sometime during the last part of September someone untied a skiff from its mooring on McDonald Spit. The skiff floated off the beach at high tide but the breeze set it back onto the beach a short distance from the residence. The oars were reportedly missing when the skiff was retrieved.
- A citizen report of Harassment was taken and advice as to the gathering of evidence to pursue charges against the suspect was given to the complainant.
- A man asked for assistance when his vehicle failed to start due to a dead battery in the vicinity of the Seldovia Airport. The Police responded and jump started the vehicle.
- A man reported the theft of an 80cc, red and white, Honda dirt bike, from the Jakolof Bay area. The bike is described as having a red fuel tank with a white bike. The front tire is larger than the rear tire and the bike has the knobby type tires.
- A metal door, white in color with a full length window, was taken from a cabin under construction on Hesketh Island. The theft occurred sometime during the spring of 2008. Most exterior doors do not have a full length glass for privacy reasons. If you observe one that meets this description please call the Police Department with that information.
- A lady requested her fingerprints be rolled for employment purposes.
- On Halloween night a citizen reported his home had been egged by teenagers in an egg war. Abuse of the rules could result in the abolition

of this Halloween tradition. Those involved were contacted but denied any involvement.

- A report of teenagers smoking inside the fence at the Russian Orthodox Church was taken on Halloween night and some teenagers were observed fleeing the area on arrival of the Police.
- On Halloween night Police contacted two ladies and informed them they had a head light out on their vehicle. Both agreed to see to the repairs.
- Police responded to a Domestic Dispute wherein one party would not allow the other party entrance to the home. The Police stayed on scene until it was decided one of the two would go elsewhere for the night and then pursue actions through the Court. No arrests were made and no physical violence took place.
- A man reported the theft of numerous logs which were cut up for firewood. The logs were stored at a residence on Bickford Circle in the Barabara Heights Subdivision and the logs that were taken were without the permission of the owner. Anyone having any information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Police Department.
- A man leasing property at the Seldovia Airport wants to start adding fill to the area and asked that the Police see that the vehicles were removed that were parked there. The Police did move the parked vehicles off the property but told the complainant to post the area so people would know he was going to be working there. The lot is adjacent to the old telephone booth and anyone parking at the airport should find another place to park.
- A lady reported the loss of a Motorola cell phone. Anyone possibly finding a cell phone should turn it in to the Police Department.
- The Officer of Children Services asked that the Police contact two parents and serve them with paperwork which they sent to the Police Department. The services were made without incident.
- Police responded and assisted the EMT's when they responded to a report of a lady falling from a roof and sustaining injuries. The lady was medi-vaced to the Homer Hospital and then on to Anchorage with serious injuries. The EMT's were applauded for their handling of the patient who could have very easily been paralyzed if precautions were not correctly taken. We have a few people with a lot of expertise and we are very fortunate to have them. Stop you EMT's on the street and tell them how much you appreciate them. They put in a lot of time and effort to serve the public on a volunteer basis.
- A man called requesting assistance after his keys were inadvertently locked inside his vehicle. Police were able to open the door and retrieve the keys.
- Police responded to two requests for assistance and provided transportation for two people since out last report.
- Reports of persons not clearing their windshields before leaving their residences in the chilly/snowy mornings are still being received. Also we've been receiving reports of people not using their headlights during the dark mornings and late evenings. It doesn't cost anything to run with your lights on and it is so much safer, plus it is a violation, so, turn on your lights and see that your visibility is not obscured by ice and snow. If you take these precautions I will not be stopping you, which is embarrassing, and you will avoid having to pay a fine for the violation.
- John A. Ardenia Sr. passed away at his home at Lakeside Terrace on November 11th. He is to be buried in the Seldovia Cemetery on 11/14/08 but a time has yet to be announced. A service will be held at the Russian Orthodox Church sometime late in the morning or in the early afternoon on Friday. Juneau John, as he was known by his friends and family, will be missed. Our condolences to the family and friends of Juneau John.



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