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CRAZY CROW PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:

T.J. CASEY, COWBOY FROM THE SOUL

Saturday, September 19 at 7:30pm

RSVP with Susan Mumma 234-7614



When this larger-than-life artist steps under the spotlight, looks you in the eye, strums the strings on his guitar and opens his mouth to sing, the cowboy from his soul communicates with you . . . you live the song, the poem, the story. You smell trail dust and campfire smoke, feel sweat and grit on your brow, taste the blessed refreshment of clear spring water after a long, hot day of work....

[Click HERE](#) to watch T.J. on U-Tube

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Seldovia, AK

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School

OPEN HOUSE

Susan B. English School
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
7:00pm to 8:00pm

We'll begin at 7:00 in the school commons with our principal, Mrs. Hingley, covering information pertinent to all parents. Visitation to classrooms will follow to learn about your child's school day.

Don't miss a day in your child's life.....come see what it entails.

Top Stories

There's A New Girl In Town!

Photos and announcement submitted by Jeff Snedgen, a very proud Dad !



Welcome to Seldovia,
Miss Duna Jade Snedgen!
Born on August 25, 2009 at 2:25am
to
Jeffrey Wayne Snedgen
and



\$298.5k, beauty, city, 1/2 acre



\$249k 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$549K Business Opportunity

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- ▶ Animal Poison Control Center
- ▶ Bubble Wrap Stress Relief
- ▶ GE Home Energy Cost Calculator
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- ▶ Google Earth
- ▶ Health Square Medical Information
- ▶ Hand - Eye Coordination
- ▶ Line of Site Calculator
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- ▶ NASA Picture of the Day
- ▶ Reaction Time Test
- ▶ Shoot the Turkey Game
- ▶ Spider Walk
- ▶ Inauguration Gigapan Photo

Susan B English School



Notices & Newsletters

Senior Meals

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in Seldovia's MultiPurpose Room. Seniors 60 and over and spouses any age qualify, as well as, disabled persons and their caregivers. Suggested donation \$4
Guests (under 60) \$9



Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent
Only 32 foot slips are available. Call for details: Harbor Master (907) 234-7886 City Office (907) 234-7643

Support the Seldovia Sea Otter Booster Club
Help keep sports and academic travel programs alive for our school!

Archives

Kari Hendrich of Seldovia
Duna weighed 9lb 3 oz

Proud Grandparents are: Margie Forbes from Levant, Maine Peter Hendrich from Bristol, Maine Sally and Alfred Snedgen (deceased) of Annandale, Virginia



P.S. We would like to thank Walt and Satchiko for the use of the "Duna" trademark!

Seldovia Meets For Community Greenhouse!

The Cooperative Community Greenhouse Project is in it's preliminary stages. September 10th at 7:00pm @ the Tidepool



This group of local people are working together to create a food

2009 Archives

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▶ Seldovia Walking
May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
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▶ Seldovia Summer
Visitor Newspaper
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2008 Archives

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May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

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Visitor Newspaper
2008

July

2008 Photo Stories

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Craft Invitational
Chainsaw Carving
Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation

▶ SBE Prom April 12

▶ B&G Club Talent
Show and Dinner
March 28

▶ Basketball
tournament State -
March

▶ Basketball
tournament in
Seldovia - February

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Visitor Newspaper
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2007 Photo Stories

▶ Christmas Play

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▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Craft Invitational
Chainsaw Carving
Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation -
May

yielding, co-op, greenhouse. The mission is to grow fresh, and possibly organic produce in Seldovia. We are still in the preliminary/brainstorming stages and are looking for participants with:

- ideas
- possible land and/or monetary donations
- resource and construction donations and ideas.

Group meeting and discussion to be held @ the Tidepool, 7 pm, on Thursday, September 10th. All are welcome.

Contact # 234-7502, after 4 pm, ask for Jill or leave a message.

Saying Goodbye to George Seville

September 7, 1956 - August 10, 2009

Longtime Seldovia resident, Mr. George Leslie Seville, 52, died Monday, August 10, 2009 at his home in Seldovia.

A celebration of his life was held 2pm Saturday, August 15, 2009 outside on the beach in Seldovia. His ashes were scattered at sea.

George was born September 7, 1956 to Keith and Eva Seville in Whitefish, Montana. George became an Alaska resident in 1968, moving to Seldovia in 1969. He graduated from Seldovia High School in 1975. He also lived in Nanwalek. George was a lifetime commercial fisherman, part time carpenter and all around handy man. He also volunteered for the fire department.

The family wrote, "George was a very generous and loyal friend to everyone." George was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Moonin.

He is survived by his father, Keith Seville Sr. of Seldovia, mother, Eva Middlerider of Browning, Montana; brothers, Chester Seville of the Lower 48, Keith Seville Jr. of Seldovia, John Seville and his wife Cathy of Burlington, Washington and Charles Seville and his wife Peni of Seldovia; nephews, Kevin Seville and his wife Christine of Nanwalek; nephew and neice Nick and Mandy Woods and their daughters, Irenia and Junita, all of Nanwalek; stepdaughter, Clara Moonin of Anchorage; sister, Ann Bickford of the Lower 48; aunt and uncle Fred and Dawn Seville of Homer; aunts, Edna Ridenour of West Glacier, Montana and Faith Ann Newman of Columbia Falls, Montana, and many cousins in Montana, Washington and Alaska.

Lung Boat Comes To Seldovia

Alaska Native Tribal Health Center's Lung Boat is coming to Seldovia on September 15th from 12:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Lung Boat is staffed by a

▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire

▶ SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"

▶ SBE Last Home

Basketball Game of the Season

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▶ Seldovia Summer

Visitor Newspaper 2006

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▶ SBE Play - December

▶ Halloween Carnival

▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 3

▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 2

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▶ 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

team of Pulmonary Health professionals and will be seeing tribal patients with shortness of breath, asthma or other lung issues.

For more information, contact Donna Fenske at (907) 234-7898 ext. 234

News From Susan B. English School

by Chelsea Suydam

Not too much is happening at Susan B. English, as it is only the third week of school, but things are cropping up.

Though not technically a "school event," there was a unique concert on Saturday that consisted of the "world's best mandolin player," a guitarist from Scotland, and a blues couple from Tennessee. I attended with the vague notion that I'd be hearing some acoustic guitar, but was in for a pleasant surprise. These concerts bring a little slice of outside culture to Seldovia, and are great if you want to expand your horizons a bit; I know I ended up enjoying some music I would have never listened to on my own. It is great that these concerts can be held at our school, too, so thank you SBE and Arts Council!

Now, some school news: on Tuesday, we held our Student Council Presidential Election. Who were the candidates, or should I say, candidate? We had only one candidate and his running mate (the vice president) interested in taking on this position, and these were Matthew Gain and Kathleen Gruber.

Matthew gave a very short and sweet speech to make public that he was running and to explain why we should vote for him. The high school and junior high did have the option to write in a different person for both the presidential and vice presidential positions if they could think of more likely candidates. The results were in on Wednesday morning, and, as expected, Matthew and Kathleen won by a landslide.

So what exactly is the significance of the Student Council, and why would anyone bother to hold the presidential or vice presidential position? Kathleen and Matthew shed some light on this subject, explaining the advantages of the council and the reason it needs a governing head. The Student Council is in charge of all the fun stuff – pep rallies, Spirit Week, and holiday activities (Easter egg hunts, Valentine's Day games, etc.). It is also in charge of the snack cart, which raises money for the Booster Club. In addition, the Student Council can help relay students' needs and opinions to the principal or teachers in a more formal way that ensures students are heard and that action will hopefully be taken.

The president and vice president of the council schedule, organize, and oversee weekly meetings where representatives from each grade in high school meet and a junior high representative meet and discuss their ideas and opinions. They are the ones that make sure the fun stuff happens, and that it doesn't happen in a chaotic – or boring – way. New to the Student

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Corrections

Council, Kathleen hopes to make this a fun year, getting everybody involved and keeping up our school spirit. Ronene Gain also does a superb job in overseeing the council to make sure everything is running smoothly.

Susan B. English is fortunate to have members of the student body that wish to make school more than just something that needs to be endured, with each day to end as soon as possible. Having the Student Council adds some "pep" where it's needed, keeping up a few SBE traditions and adding new ones in the process.

(Note: Don't forget the tradition of Mrs. Bornheimer's class cooking banana bread, which occurred on Wednesday-- not much is more pleasing than smelling the aroma of the baking bread wafting from the Home-Ec. Room while walking through the commons!)

Borough Appraisers Coming to Seldovia

by Sue Ellen Essert

Starting September 14th, the Kenai Peninsula Borough appraisers are coming to Seldovia to perform field work and inspections. We thought it would be helpful for all the residents in Seldovia to have a heads up that our office will be there going door to door. The appraisers will be staying in town starting September 14th (Mon - Thurs) for approximately 3 weeks and will be working the whole area - from Seldovia to Jakolof.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO SELDOVIA AND SURROUNDING AREA PROPERTY OWNERS

In accordance with Alaska Statute 29.45.150, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Assessing Department will be conducting a field review and reappraisal of all vacant and improved properties in the Seldovia area, beginning September 14, 2009. The appraisers will carry Borough Identification and vehicles will have KPB signs. The field review will require measuring and photographing structures, a request to inspect the interior of structures to observe quality and condition, collecting land attributes and updating the property files. Any information provided by you to the appraisal staff will help ensure a more accurate assessment of your property. Your cooperation in this review and reappraisal project is greatly appreciated.

**Director of Assessing
Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, AK 99669
Phone: (907) 714-2230 or 1-800-478-4441 Ex. 2230**

That's Elementary!

School news and thoughts from the perspective of Mrs. Bornheimer's Kindergarden through fourth grade class. We hope to see all kinds of blossoming talent from these kids! Stand by, your child, grandchild, neice or nephew might be the next Walter Cronkite, JK Rowling or Ansel Adams!

What's Different

*By Sage Stanish
4th Grade*

School started on August 24, 2009. I was wondering what people thought was different this year than last year. So I went around and asked K-12 students plus teachers the same question. I asked almost the whole school, but I only wrote down some so here's what they said.

Frankie: I'm learning new things. I'm in a new classroom. There are no private areas.

Ben: Harder work and it's fun being in first grade.

David: Learning new things and harder work.

Axcenia: A lot of stuff is moved in the classroom.

Hans: You can use pens, and I have a new teacher.

Dylan: You can make paper airplanes, and you learn faster.

Nathan: We can wear hats and use iPods.

Levi: A new class and there's not much friends.

Xandria: Different classes and harder work.

Serena: I'm doing Rosetta Stone, and I'm in high school.

Mariah: Math for first period and a lot less kids.

Chelsea: More teachers and less students

I bet their answers are changed by now and will keep changing throughout the year.

City Planning And Zoning Meeting

by Paulie Carluccio

The Special Meeting of the Seldovia Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order on Tuesday September 8, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Members present were Dan Blodgett, Paulie Carluccio, Jim Hopkins, Tom Keesecker and Bobbi Sweatt. Paulie Carluccio presided and City Clerk, Mary Klinger took the minutes.

Members of the Public included: Brian Watson and City Manager Tim Dillon.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the August 11th Special Meeting were approved.

Public comments on Items not on the Agenda - None

Public Hearings - None

Consideration of Site Plans:

1. Building Permit submitted by Brian & Jennifer Watson, Lot 2A, Block 39 East addition was approved.

2. Building permit submitted by Precious Earth, Inc. Greg Davis for Lot 7, Block 44 East Addition was approved.

3. Building Permit submitted by Herb Upton, Lot 2A, Block 25 Seldovia Townsite was approved.

4. Revised Main Street Parking Plan was postponed to the next meeting.

Commission Business: Discussion of the training with DCRA on Sept. 4, 2009. The Commission decided to add a review of Title 17 and present requirements for building permits to the next agenda.

The next meeting will be on October 5, 2009 at 7 PM.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM

The Sheep Theory

by Kathleen Gruber

Everyday teens are bombarded with vast quantities of information that tell us everything from what to wear to how we should talk and think. The thing is just because we're told to do something doesn't mean we're going to. It's always irked me when people get on the news and blame the media and celebrities for the failings in the underage population. It seems like every other week there's some news anchor talking about the negative effects of all the drugs, violence, and sex on television and in magazines.

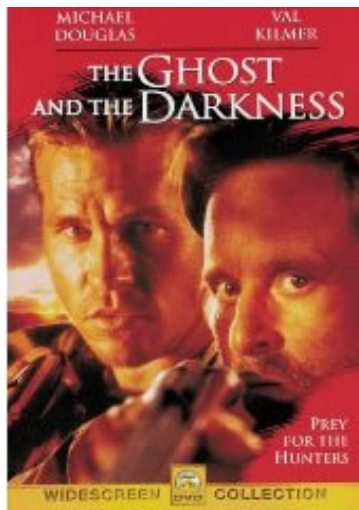
Here's the hard truth.

By blaming everyone else, these concerned adults are saying that teens are so easily bent that we can't judge right and wrong. Just because I love Britney Spears doesn't mean I'm going to stop purchasing essential clothing items. I may watch *Juno* but I'm not going to engage in promiscuous behavior. And just because *Project Runway* and magazines glorify super skinny sticks doesn't mean I'm going to develop an eating disorder.

Essentially if people are concerned about the youth they should be talking to them. Make sure teens know the facts then step back. We're not sheep; we can do more than follow the street signs.

Movie Review - The Ghost And The Darkness

by Jonathan Hoard



The Ghost And The Darkness is based loosely on the true experiences of British Col. John Patterson who was enlisted to build a bridge across the river Tsavo, extending the Uganda-Mombassa railway into central Africa. The story takes place in 1898 when European nations were racing to open trade routes into the African interior. Col. Patterson, played by Val Kilmer, faces the challenge of building in a very inhospitable environment as well as dealing with Muslim, Hindu and African workers who do not get along.

The greatest obstacle however turns out to be man-eating lions that kill and terrify the workers. Patterson is able to handily dispatch one lion early on, but soon two lions begin to work together to reek havoc in the camp. In course of time the lions kill more than 100 workers, bringing work on the bridge to a halt. It is against the backdrop of that great season of terror that the real story begins to unfold.

The movie develops some very interesting characters in addition to Patterson. Samuel, his witty African assistant and Angus Starling, the idealist camp supervisor, broaden the story line and add a touch of humanity and humor to the plot. Michael Douglas plays the other main character, Remington, a professional hunter brought in to deal with the lions. The dialogue between Patterson and Remington produces a strong friendship between the two. A bond develops and seems to reveal that these two are more alike than they could have ever imagined.

Outdoorsmen will appreciate the fact that hunters are not portrayed as mindless thugs. They will also appreciate the use of some very beautiful and authentic firearms. Everyone will enjoy the incredible African scenery and the soundtrack.

This movie carries an R rating due entirely to several scenes that depict lions attacking and eating people. There is only one profane word that I was aware of and no sexual content at all.

Initially the viewer is led to think that this movie is merely about building a bridge in Africa. Later on however we realize that it is really about building bridges of friendship. And as in the movie it seems that it is often in times of adversity that those bonds are forged all the more deeply. Ghost and the Darkness will at times warm your heart and at other times cause your heart to leap into your throat.

I would love to hear you comments about any of my reviews. E-mail me at jm_hoard@hotmail.com

Thoughts to Ponder

Author Unknown

The Mayonnaise Jar & 2 Beers

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar, he shook the jar lightly.... The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'Yes!'

The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--- your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else---the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

'Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.'

The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.'

Introducing The Gazette's New Student Reporters - Kathleen Gruber & Chelsea Suydam

I am so excited to announce the two new reporters from Susan B. English who will be assisting The Gazette this year with school and other local news! Both Chelsea and Kathleen are Seniors at SBE, and are working to develop their writing skills and gain some fabulous volunteer hours!

Both of these ladies are exceptionally hard-working and dedicated to their education and are excited about participating with the Gazette. Please congratulate them on their new position, and encourage them in their public endeavor to show Seldovia from the student's perspective! Our kids are our future - and I'm so pleased to have both of these young ladies willing to volunteer their time and energy in such a public way for the community's benefit! Way to go - awesome community spirit!

I offered out a few questions to both the gals about working for the paper and going to school here in Seldovia, and here are their responses!

Introducing Kathleen!

1. I wanted to be a reporter for the Gazette because I wanted to have some experience in journalism before I go to school for my writing degree.
2. I really hope to focus on writing about the high school sports this year. That way, on out of town games everyone will have easy access to how things turned out.
3. I just hope for my last year to be as fun and full as I can make it. I want everyone to have a great time and be able to remember this year as one of their best in high school.
4. I would love for people to come up to me and inform me on what they'd like to hear about. Sometimes I'm at a loss for what to write so if you know something awesome that will be going on and want the details, I'd love to help in getting the information out there.
5. I'm hoping to go to the lower 48 after school. Maybe for college or maybe just to see what's out there. I love Alaska but the rest of the world looks awful tempting right now.
6. The low part of going to S.B.E is the constant worry as you see the school shrinking more and more that things like sports and electives will disappear. The high of going to S.B.E is that it forces you to get out of your shell. You've got to play sport or your friends won't have a team, you have to take classes, like art or shop, or it won't be offered again, you have step up and do more than you thought you would or even really like because if you don't it won't get done. It makes people try things they wouldn't normally and in the end you might find something new to love.

And here's Chelsea!

- 1) I would like to portray to the community in a clear, interesting way how SBE and the people there are doing throughout the year, giving a good picture on what goes on up here and what the students, teachers, or community may think about it.
 - 2) I hope to cover a broad spectrum of school-related events and ideas, especially other people's perspectives and opinions on these things.
 - 3) My hopes are to learn as much as I can, as this will be my last chance for free education, to support my school in various ways, and to also enjoy what I'm learning and savor the last days I have here.
 - 4) The school and community can assist in writing with the paper by giving any ideas they might have on good articles or telling me what events they'd like to hear about. Also, not being afraid to speak their minds in case we ever come around with any questions...
 - 5) I'm not sure on where I want to go yet, but I do know I'd like to attend a college out of state and am thinking about studying fields in the maths and sciences, possibly learning something like biomedical engineering. If anyone has any suggestions, I'd love to hear them!
 - 6) I would say the high has been the one-on-one help I get from my teachers; I could never have learned so much without the care they give to each student's education. The low might be the limited amount of classes and extracurricular opportunities due to the very small student population.
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The Bookworm



Grave Sight - by Charlaine Harris *Reviewed by Tamara Blodgett*

For those of you familiar with the wildly popular *TrueBlood* HBO series which revolves around a psychic and her vampire friends, this is another great series by the same author with a different twist.

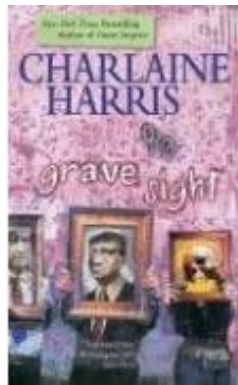
If you like mysteries, this is a great set of books that touch on family dysfunction, the frailty of human emotion while showcasing internal fortitude, all in one book. Harris does a well done, hard-boiled mystery, but has not received enough credit in this area with all the hype surrounding the vampire series. Not so with these “undiscovered” books about a young woman that can determine the cause of death from a corpse through clairvoyant visions.

Harper Connelly and her stepbrother Tolliver travel (for hire) town-to-town helping the local police and others seek answers for unexplained death(s).

Connelly is a resolute young woman that through various life hardships, is both fragile and strong (a paradox to be sure). Oftentimes disbelieved, the pair obligate proving themselves throughout the story.

A strong plot line and detailed characterization make this an entertaining read for mystery lovers and paranormal junkies. Not as “far-out” as the terrific, Sookie Stackhouse series, it still has the paranormal angle that is currently such a sought-after read but will not phase the non-paranormal reader. This is perfect read for someone “breaking into” the paranormal genres and their various forms.

The fourth book in this series will be released in November under the title, *Grave Secret*. Books two and three are as follows: *Grave Surprise* and *An Ice Cold Grave*.



4/5 Stars

Genre: Mystery/Suspense

Sub-genre: Paranormal

Age: Teen+

Elements: Mild Violence, Language
& Mature Situations

Check out the [Seldovia Public Library](#) for this and other fine books!

Seldovia Boys & Girls Club Summer Recap!

by *Laurel Hilts*

Seems Fall is rolling in and folks are starting to prepare their yards, boats and homes for the winter that lies ahead. But we all seem to hang on to any last glimmer of summer that we can; it's seen in the flowers still blooming along the corners of buildings, and in the last snow bird faces that haven't taken flight yet. While we bid farewell to the beautiful days of summer, let's take a minute to look back over the past few months of activity at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club.

Our local Boys & Girls Club partners with many community groups, and June was a prime example of that. We started off the month with a music recital, highlighting performances of Charity Winters' piano students and Rob Rurka's band students. Many folks were in attendance to hear the beautiful piano pieces and the rock and roll songs performed by the kids.



Later in the month, we had a series of workshops provided as part of the Seldovia Arts Council's Summer Solstice Festival. Additionally, we partnered with the Seldovia Village Tribe for special events, including Wednesday Arts & Crafts times, a Swimming Awards Day potluck, and a rainy day "camp-in!"

Club members participating in Karate took part in a Judo workshop presented by locals Bret Higman and Erin McKittrick; and 11 girls traveled to Seward to visit the Alaska Sealife Center. At the Clubhouse, we held a super-sized garage sale and brought in more than 1000 dollars for the Club! Thanks to the many folks who donated items all year long for us to sell. Some of the remnants were donated to the Saturday Market in Nanwalek (Smokey Bay Air provided the transportation), and the remainder went to the Salvation Army in Anchorage, thanks to Dave Cloninger who let us load up his van before he hauled it all up to town!

Suzie Stranik began working her magic on the south facing side of the Clubhouse, planting sunflowers, rhubarb, broccoli, squash, dill, fennel, and a bunch more that I can't remember. But it's all growing now! Thanks to the McCords and the Krolls for all their help with the manual labor, and thanks to Jim Hopkins for donating the soil and to Tom Keesecker for letting us use his sifter. Stop by and try some of our good herbs if you get the chance.



The busy-ness of June was barely done before the hectic days of July rolled

in! SVT was back up at the Clubhouse helping kids decorate their bikes for the parade, while the Xtratufs were getting ready for their 2nd annual Concert on Dean's Lawn. Billy Goat, Betsy Scott and The Xtratufs all performed on July 3rd, raising more than \$1000 for the Club! On Independence Day, we raffled off a Suburban and made another \$1000 for the kids. Thanks to all of those who donated their time and efforts to make those events a huge success!

It seemed we had just caught our breath from all the goings-on, when 17 teens arrived in town on the Tustemena. The kids from [West Coast Connection](#) had returned for another year of volunteer service for our community. The B&G coordinated their stay and signed them up to work alongside Suzie Stranik and Doug Pierrin to garden in the Main Street Garden and along the Multipurpose Building. They also opened up an area in front of the Otterbahn that was later landscaped by Suzie to highlight the trailhead.

Additionally, the teens ran a day camp for Seldovia's kids at the Club, playing games on the field and tennis court, doing arts and crafts in the Clubhouse, and preparing for a Talent Show. Later in their visit, they spent a few days with the SVT Culture Camp crew at Outside Beach and at Red Mountain. Their efforts for our community were greatly appreciated and we hope to get together with the teens from West Coast Connection once again next year.

Did you know that there was a Whale Camp taking place in Seldovia at the end of July? Yes, the [Islands and Oceans Center](#) brought 10 youngsters over from Homer and they used Seldovia as their home base before heading out each day to watch the whales. The group stayed at the Clubhouse for two nights and had a great time. Seldovia kids are welcome to participate next year. It's a hefty fee (around \$250), but worth the money if you plan ahead.



By August, it seemed as if the kids had run out of steam. They had played hard all summer, but there was still more to do... Three elementary students traveled to the Kenai River in Soldotna for a day of fishing, sponsored by

the Kenai River Guides Association and the Soldotna Boys & Girls Club. Calem brought home a beautiful silver, and everyone came back with memories to last a lifetime.

Before school started up once again, summer had packed one last hurrah. The gang from The Xtratufs traveled to Ninilchik to play at the Kenai Peninsula State Fair! This was the band's first time performing out of Seldovia, and it was a fun learning experience for all of us. All the gear was loaded on to the Rainbow Tours vessel early in the morning during a -5 tide! Phew! (The Rainbow donated the transportation for the band, so many thanks to them.) Then everything had to be hauled back up to the top of the Homer harbor on the other side. We loaded up the van loaned to us by the [Seldovia Bible Chapel](#), then headed up the road to Ninilchik. Once there, we moved in to our quaint little cabins along the highway (donated by the Fair organizers) before getting ready for our first "gig."

It was a beautiful day and the band enjoyed playing on the Grand Stand in the sunshine. Fair goers sat on benches or strolled nearby listening to the music. We were asked to extend our set unexpectedly, so we added a few more songs and chalked it up to experience.

Little did we know that our next gig would be an even more interesting experience! We moved all of our equipment over to a little bar on the grounds called "The Tackle Box." It was more like a bingo dining hall, and there were rarely more than 5 people in the room at one time, but we all had fun playing for the next two hours. It was all for the benefit of the Club and we were able to bring home a \$600 check for the kids. Thanks to Rob Rurka, Jenifer Dickson, Mark Janes and Tracy Philpot for playing along with me for the kids' sake. Also, thanks to Matt, Devon, Chaela, and Aidan for all their help hauling stuff. Most of all, thanks to Lara McGinnes for inviting us to play in Ninilchik and for taking such good care of us. It was a great time!

So, that's the summer wrap up for the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. Now, as we move in to Fall, we are presented with a challenge. We just wrapped up a 3-year grant from the State of Alaska (funneled through the City of Seldovia) for \$45,000. With that amount no longer available, we need to find ways to make up the difference. This year, we have cut one part-time position, and we have trimmed down our supplies budget. We could use your help to continue offering our programs for the community. Would you be willing to donate your time or support to help the Club?

Volunteers are needed to help offer special activities and programs, age and gender-focused. Also, we could really use bakers willing to make goodies each month to share in the Clubhouse and at Power Hour. If volunteering isn't your bag, would you please consider donating to provide supplies? Just this week, the Mad Fish Restaurant donated all of their end-of-summer food to the Club. A local resident shows up at the Clubhouse once a month with a bag of pizzas and Kool-aid. Could you provide something like that? Snack supplies help a bunch, or you could even pick up a pack of paper towels when you're out of town. Every little bit helps!

You can contact me, Laurel Hilts, at the Boys & Girls Club at 234-7577 or you can email me at lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com. Thanks!

Seldovia's Water and Sewer Construction Schedule and Map 2009



City of Seldovia, Alaska
SELDOVIA WATER SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
Anticipated 2009 Construction Schedule

Task Name	Start	Finish
Project Travel		COMPLETED
Sanitation Quarter, Repair Sinks, Turn on Water Service		COMPLETED
Network Repair Update (CRS) Turn on Sinks		COMPLETED
Sanitation Office, Turn on Water Service, Rehook Up Pump System		COMPLETED
Clear Work, Complete Inventory, Re-establish all Sinks		COMPLETED
Sanitation City Order, Vacuum Truck - Waste Repairs, Order Materials		COMPLETED
Sanitation Equipment Repair at Kellyville		COMPLETED
Public Presentation - CRP Final Act, Review of Applications		COMPLETED
Sanitary Creek Construction Layouts, Complete Phase 1, Stage Items		COMPLETED
Build Sinks in Site Truck, Work with Service Trucks and Materials		COMPLETED
Sanitation Inventory, Equipment, Trucks, Street Equipment, Compressors		COMPLETED
Phase 2 & 3 Main Street Site Visit - Hydraulic Methods & Technical Advice		COMPLETED
Sanitation Avenue Water Main (20" C - 6)		COMPLETED
Sanitation Avenue Water Main (20" C - 6)	Thu 7/23/09	Thu 7/23/09
Sanitation Street Services (20" C - 6)	Mon 7/27/09	Tue 8/4/09
Sanitation Street Water Main (20" C - 6)	Wed 7/29/09	Fri 7/31/09
Sanitation Street Water Main & Services (20" C - 6)	Tue 8/3/09	Thu 8/13/09
Sanitation Street Water Main & Services (20" C - 6)	Wed 8/5/09	Thu 8/13/09
Sanitation Street Water Main & Services (20" C - 6)	Fri 8/7/09	Fri 8/21/09
Sanitation Street Water Main & Services (20" C - 6)	Wed 8/26/09	Thu 9/3/09

Click on above charts to download full size pdf.

City Council Meeting September 9, 2009.

The Seldovia City Council convened together with the following members present: John Colberg, Dean Lent, Gerry Patrick, Allison Miller. Walter McInnes had an excused absence. City Mayor Keith Gain presided; Councilman Glover was not present. City Clerk Mary Klinger took minutes.

Ordinance Introduction - None

Proclamations - None

Public Presentation Prior Notice -None

Public Presentation for Items Not on the Agenda - None

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

Planning and Zoning - Dan Blodgett

Dan spoke about the Comprehensive Planning Meeting that was held on the 4th of September. We have a current plan, but it does not meet the standards necessary to represent Seldovia going into the future. It lacks much needed details, organization and updated statistics. The Comprehensive Plan is the main templet for the city in determining action on many areas, and is a tool for growth and development of our city.

The speakers at the meeting had a lot of experience in this area and made quite a few suggestions on how to get started on the development of a well-designed comprehensive plan. Dan mentioned that it would most likely be an 18 month project to complete. There will need to be input from the whole

community, city, borough and school.

The Planning and Zoning Commission also discussed the need to update and add to Title 17 and 18 in regards to zoning, building permits and compliance management. Those areas of our code will be looked at extensively in hopes to have clear codes and actions in place to maintain compliance in those areas. This may involve another city position, such as a building official to aid applicants through construction, from application to completion of the project.

Old Business

1) Appointing a Waterfront Area Development Committee

Keith Gain announced his recommendations for the committee as follows:

Cassidy Little

Crystal Collier

Steve Pollack Jr.

Tim P. Dillon

Monte Hingley

Action: Adopted Unanimously

2) Precious Earth Inc., Greg Davis Proposed Purchase of City Lot Process

City Manager Tim Dillon reported that he had spoken with the city's attorney in regards to the process to sell a city lot and produced the following information:

a) The City must prepare and present an Ordinance to sell a specific city owned lot. The city council has determined that the real property (tax parcel #19203046) is not useful to the City of Seldovia for any public purpose (sec. 6.18.090).

b) The sale price must be minimum of \$15,700. The sealed bids will be accepted by the City Manager for a period of 30 days.

c) Vacation of Mission Street will be addressed by Mr. Davis (Precious Earth, Inc.) after the purchase of tax parcel number 19203046 is completed.

Action: No action necessary at this time, ordinance will be submitted at the next City Council meeting.

New Business

1) AML 59th Annual Local Government Conference

Action: Informational Only, no action necessary

2) Union Contract

The current contract expires in November 2009, and it was not reopened for any changes, therefore the current contract is what will be in place for the upcoming year.

Action: No action taken.

3) Fast Ferry

The City Council went into Executive Session

(I was not able to stay until the Executive Session was over to report on the rest of the meeting.)

City Manager's Report see below

Next Regular Meeting September 23, 2009

Special Notices

Alaska 50th Anniversary Medallions Available!

The State of Alaska , on behalf of the Juneau Statehood Committee, commissioned bronze medallions commemorating Alaska's 50th anniversary celebration which can be purchased by non-profit organizations for fundraising purposes. The medallions were designed and produced by the same company that designed medallions at statehood back in 1959. A limited supply can be purchased from the Kenai Peninsula Borough by contacting Michelle Blackwell at 714-2336. The medallions will sell for \$50 each and are limited to five medallions per organization.

Parent Advisory Committee Opening!

Susan B. English School * P.O. Box 171 * Seldovia, Alaska 99663

THREE YEAR Opening (Mark Janes' term ends 10/2012)

FILING PERIOD - September 14th – September 30th

A petition may be picked up at the school office, or a written statement may be sent to the school stating you would like to run for the Parent Advisory Committee.

Qualifications:

1. Citizen of the United States.
2. Passed his/her 18th birthday.
3. Inhabitant of the area for at least one year.
4. Not an employee of the KPB School District.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

WHEN: October 6th - Tuesday

WHERE: Multi Purpose Room

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

➔ *H1N1 Parent Letter - Community Awareness*



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 North Birley Street Soldotna, Alaska 99669
Phone (907) 714-8888 Fax (907) 262-9645

September 1, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff/Community Member:

Last May, pandemic H1N1 influenza (formerly called swine flu) was first identified in Alaska. Since then, limited, but ongoing transmission, primarily among school-age children, teenagers, and young adults has continued to occur. With the recent start of school, it is likely that this virus will continue to spread. This information is being shared in the hopes that it may help you to protect yourself, your children, and others from influenza.

Symptoms of H1N1 influenza are similar to those of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, as well as some reports of diarrhea and vomiting. Most cases in Alaska have been mild, similar to those seen with seasonal influenza. However, as with seasonal flu, severe illnesses and death have occurred. The risk of serious illness appears to be greatest for infants and young children, pregnant women, and persons with underlying health problems. If your child currently has or develops symptoms of influenza, please notify your health care provider. In some cases treatment with an antiviral prescription medication may be recommended.

Influenza viruses spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people sick with influenza. People may also become infected by handling something with flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or face. Three simple measures can greatly help prevent the spread of influenza as well as many other germs.

- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Stay home if you are sick or beginning to feel sick! You are contagious for up to 24 hours before you really notice you are ill!

To reduce transmission of H1N1 virus in schools and community, it is imperative that students, faculty or staff with influenza-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat or other flu like symptoms) should stay home. If persons should NOT attend school, after-school activities, or go into the community except to seek medical care until they are feeling better and **without fever for at least 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication**. Students, staff or community members who appear to have an influenza-like illness on arrival at school or who become ill during the school day will be promptly separated from others and sent home.

At this time, school closure for pandemic H1N1 influenza is not recommended unless the magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism interferes with the school's ability to function.

Finally, vaccination is another important measure to prevent influenza. Pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccines are currently in production and should be available for Alaskans this fall. Vaccination will be strongly encouraged for school-aged children and teenagers, among others. Vaccination against seasonal influenza is also recommended this fall for all children ages 6 months to 18 years and is currently available through your local health care provider.

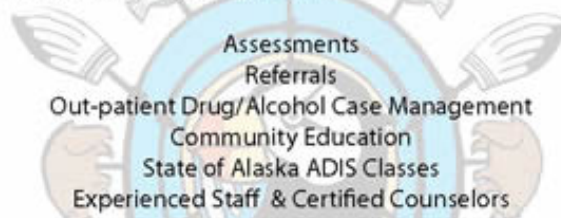
If you have questions or concerns regarding these recommendations, please contact Kenai Public Health at 335-3400, Homer Public Health at 235-8857, Seward Public Health at 224-5567, your child's school nurse, or KPBSD's Health Services Coordinator at 283-2190 or mwalworth@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.

ANCHORAGE COOPERLANDING HOMER HOVE KACHEMAKSELO KENAI MOOSEKIDS PANHANDLE TONGUE
BROOKHAVEN MABLEHE PORT ORANAH RAZZOLINA SELDOVIA SEWARD SOLDOTNA STERLING TUTUHENNA TYONEK VOZNESENKA

➔ *Drug & Alcohol Counseling in Seldovia*

Out-Patient Drug & Alcohol Counseling For Native and Non-Native Patients

SVT's Prevention Program offers follow-up and after-care treatment plans for people who are out of rehab or are in Drug Court and need to comply with court orders. We also offer:



The Seldovia Village Tribe's Prevention Program adheres to and upholds all state and federal privacy regulations.

Ask about our culturally-specific ASAM assessments and ADIS Classes (State of Alaska Alcohol/Drug Information Classes).

For more information, call (907) 234-7898 ext. 228

Tidbits . . .

Wonderful summer sunsets at Outside Beach - hard to say goodnight to a day like this....



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

City Manager's Report 8-27-09 to 9-09-09

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- * Husky II – met with Interim Capt. of Coast Guard
- * Fast Ferry – met with Congressman's staff, SNA, SVT
- * Precious Earth discussions/preparation

- * Hazardous materials disposed
- * Airport discussions
- * CRW/VSW adjustments
- * Planning Commission Training
- * Economic Development meetings

GOALS:

- * Husky II –Incident Command Team planning
- * Fire/EMS Meeting
- * Corp. of Engineers meetings
- * Winter planning
- * Finalize AMHS contract
- * Economic Development meetings
- * Filtration Plant planning
- * Senior meals adjustments/support

NOTES:

Water Project will complete the water main on Seldovia Street on 9-15-09. The project will be shut down from 9-16-09 to 9-20-09 so crew members can address personal items.

KUDOS:

- * Paulie Carluccio, Tom Keesecker and Dan Blodgett for spending the day with the Division of Community and Regional Affairs in Planning Commission Training.
- * Dean Lent for assisting with the disposal of the city's hazardous waste barrels.

