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Certified Seldovia Voting Results :

The remaining outstanding votes (absentee and questioned ballots) were tallied at a special City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 12 at 5:00pm, and the final election results were certified as follows by the City Council immediately afterward.

Seldovia City Elections

Council Member - 3 Year Term - 2 seats available

- John Colberg - 48
- Gerry Patrick - 43
- Steve Pollack - 2
- Ila Dillon - 1
- Dianne Gruber - 1
- Jim Hopkins - 1
- Savannah Lewis - 1
- Steve Lewis - 1
- Mark Massion - 1
- Chris Pollack - 1
- Suzie Stranik - 1

Council Member - 1 Year Term - 1 seat available

(Write In Candidates Only)

- Steve Pollack - 6
- Savannah Lewis - 4
- Mark Massion - 3
- Honeybee Nordenson - 3
- Hugh Smith - 3
- Gerry Stranik - 3
- John Carluccio - 2
- Monty Hingley - 2
- Sara Nichols - 2
- Dave Cloninger - 1
- Russ Geagel - 1

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Seldovia, AK

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Serving your Real Estate Needs
234-8000

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School

- Doug Giles - 1
- Jim Hopkins - 1
- Mike Miller - 1
- Linda Oliveira - 1
- Gerry Patrick - 1
- Chris Pollack - 1
- Sally Smith - 1
- Alvin Swick - 1
- Dick Wyland - 1

Proposition No. 1

- Yes - 33
- No - 28



IMPORTANT SELDOVIA VOTING INFORMATION:

Seldovia precinct residents will be voting in Kenai Peninsula Borough elections this Tuesday, Oct. 6. Residents of the City of Seldovia will also be voting in city elections.

Absentee-in-person balloting is available at the Seldovia City Office during regular office hours until Friday, Oct. 2 at 5 pm. For more information from the city, call 234-7643.

The general polls will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm in the Seldovia Library Building. Voters who need mobility assistance in reaching the polls on the second floor will find a bell outside, marked with the standard blue accessibility sign, to summon an elevator operator.

Voters who would like some assistance in reading or marking their ballots may bring a personal representative with them or may receive help from election officials upon request. Anyone who assists a voter must first take an oath not to reveal the contents of that voter's ballot. The touchscreen ballot with integrated audio ballot reader will NOT be available for this election.

Voters who are unexpectedly housebound on election day through illness or injury may still vote. A ballot may be checked out by a personal representative who then carries the ballot to the voter and returns it to the polls after completion. This service is available throughout polling hours, but please allow about fifteen minutes for paperwork when issuing the ballot and about five minutes when



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



\$249k 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$549K Business Opportunity

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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

returning it. All ballots must be returned during poll hours in order to be counted.

Kenai Peninsula voters who are registered in other precincts may vote at the Seldovia polls, but they should be aware that the only ballot items available to them will be borough-wide propositions; Seldovia precinct ballots do not contain candidates from other precincts. Non-Seldovia voters should allow for about fifteen minutes for paperwork.

Seldovia precinct uploads its borough tallies to the borough immediately following the election. Preliminary results are available at the Kenai Peninsula Borough election website that evening.

City of Seldovia ballots are tallied immediately following the election and preliminary results are posted on the Library Building door as well as transmitted to the City Clerk. Remaining outstanding votes (absentee and questioned ballots) will be tallied at a special City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, and the final election results certified by the City Council immediately afterward.

If you have questions about your voting status or needs, you may contact the Seldovia City Clerk at 234-7643 or any election poll worker on Oct. 6. We're here to help you get your vote counted.

Top Stories

Municipal Election on Tuesday October 6



On Tuesday, October 6, 2009, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Regular Municipal Elections will be taking place. Our Seldovia polling location is at the Multi-purpose room by the public library and will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Click here to go to the Kenai Peninsula Borough's election page, where you can view the 2009 Voter Pamphlet and read up on the candidates. Below is the sample ballot for Seldovia.

2009 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages
▶ Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf (Coming in May)

▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2008

2008 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer 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

2007 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Walking May - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007

2007 Photo Stories

▶ Christmas Play
▶ Halloween Carnival
▶ July 4 Festival
▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May

▶ SBE Graduation - May

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Regular Election - October 6, 2009

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

☐ Completely fill the oval to the left of the candidate or issue for which you wish to vote.
If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask the Election Judge for a replacement.

ASSEMBLY - DISTRICT 9
3-Year Term - Vote for No More Than One

CLUTTS, Jesse R.
 CLARK, Tom
 HAGGERTY, Mike
 Write-in

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PROPOSITION NO. 1

LIMITING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS AND DEFINING A TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE ASSEMBLY AS ANY PORTION OF A TERM

Shall Initiative Ordinance 2009-02, limiting terms of office for the Kenai Peninsula Borough assembly to two (2) consecutive terms, be approved? This ordinance limits a person who has completed two (2) consecutive terms from serving on the assembly until a period of three (3) years has passed since the end of that person's second consecutive term. A term includes a regular three-year term or any portion of a regular term served to complete a term vacated by another person, or a term that is less than three (3) years due to a change in composition, membership structure, districting, or apportionment.

YES [A Yes vote would limit a person who has completed two (2) consecutive terms on the Kenai Peninsula Borough assembly from serving another term or portion of a term until a period of three (3) years has passed since the end of that person's second consecutive term of office.]
 NO [A No vote would defeat Initiative Ordinance 2009-02.]

There will also be a city election for the available council seats in Seldovia, along with Proposition No. 1. Below you will see a sample of the city ballot for Seldovia.

BALLOT STUB
CITY OF SELDOVIA
OCTOBER 6, 2009 REGULAR ELECTION

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CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA
OFFICIAL BALLOT
REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mark your vote by making an "X" in the space next to the choice you wish to vote for. If you make a mistake or change your mind, do not erase or cross out any mark you have made; instead, fold this ballot and give it back to the election judge. You will be given a new ballot.

Write-in candidate votes are permitted and must be marked with an "X" and the name written in the space provided.

COUNCIL MEMBERS; THREE (3) YEAR TERM: Vote for no more than two (2)

John Colberg
 Gerry Patrick
 _____ Write In Candidate
 _____ Write In Candidate

PROPOSITION NO. 1
EXEMPT MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND ELECTION CANDIDATES FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF THE STATE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LAWS, AND ESTABLISH OWN FORM AND GUIDELINES

"Shall the City of Seldovia exempt its municipal officers and candidates for elective office from the State of Alaska's Official Financial Disclosure Law (AS 39.50) and adopt a form of its own to reflect locally adopted guidelines related to financial disclosure and conflicts of interest?"

YES NO

A "YES" vote would exempt Seldovia City elected and appointed officials from the requirements of chapter 39.50 of the Alaska Statutes, (State of Alaska Public Official Financial Disclosure Law) relating to disclosure statements and conflicts of interest, and requires establishment of a local form and guidelines.

A "NO" vote would continue to require Seldovia City elected and appointed officials follow Chapter 39.50 of the Alaska Statutes, (State of Alaska Public Official Financial Disclosure Law), relating to disclosure statements and conflicts of interest.

COUNCIL MEMBERS; ONE (1) YEAR TERM: Vote for no more than one (1)

_____ Write In Candidate

▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire

▶ SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"

▶ SBE Last Home

Basketball Game of the Season

2006 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Walking

Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer

Visitor Newspaper 2006

2006 Photo Stories

▶ SBE Play - December

▶ Halloween Carnival

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

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

▶ Aleutian's Tasty 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

In addition to these two ballots, you will also have the opportunity to vote for a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) position for Susan B. English School.

Please get out and vote!

HEA Resolution Honoring Gerry Willard

At the September 8, 2009 HEA Board of Directors Meeting, Resolution 09-44 - Renaming the Seldovia Generation Plant to the "Gerry Willard" Generation Plant was approved. What an honor to remember Gerry in this way. We do miss his easy smile, great wit - and his uncanny ability to keep the lights on in Seldovia! Thank you again Gerry for your many years of service, but mostly for all you meant to Seldovia - you are missed.

\$3,000 Aviation Scholarship Available!

The Forrest Jones Memorial Scholarship is awarded the first week of March. The amount of the scholarship for 2010 will be \$3000.

Deadline for applications is January 10. For an applicant to be eligible, they must be enrolled in, or applying to, one of the following (in an aviation field), or a high school senior applying to: AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, A LICENSED FLIGHT SCHOOL, OR A CERTIFIED A&P PROGRAM.

[Click here to download an information sheet and application for the scholarship for distribution to the schools in Alaska.](#)

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Seldovia Arts Council Presents:

The Refugees

New Date & Time!  Monday, October 19
7:30pm at Susan B. English

▶ [Archive of all pages](#)

▶ [Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper](#)

▶ [Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper 2004](#)

2005 Photo Stories

▶ [SBE Christmas Play](#)

▶ [SBE Halloween Carnival](#)

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Corrections



In 2007 Cindy Bullens, Deborah Holland and Wendy Waldman came together to form [The Refugees](#), known for their unique blend of country, rock, folk, and Americana. They were each top notch musicians in their own right, having nineteen solo albums and multiple Grammy awards to their credit. The talented trio play guitar, dobro, bass, mandolin, harmonica, accordion, and percussion ...”With three terrific strong voiced songwriters whose voices soar when they blend, how could you go wrong?... Answer: you can’t“ (Michael Tearson, Sing Out! Magazine).

Ferry Schedule Is Back On Track!

by Jenny Chissus

On Saturday, September 19th - the cables on the lift of the Tustumena failed and the ramp fell the remaining few feet to the deck of the vessel. Fortunately, there were no injuries. It was certainly inconvenient for folks traveling out of Seldovia that night - only two vehicles made it aboard prior to the failure. The Tusty had to leave Seldovia without its booked passengers and vehicles.

Luckily, Seldovia was covered by planned runs with the Kennicott during the following days while the Tusty was getting repaired. The local crew was able to repair the lift cables right in Homer and the elevator technicians completed their job in short order so that it could pass inspection with the Coast Guard. They had a back up plan to take the vessel to Seward for repairs if they had been unable to solve the issue locally, but fortunately they were able to completely remedy the situation in Homer!

The Tusty is now out on the chain, running a little behind in its schedule, but back on track. We only missed one day of service, and she will be returning to Seldovia on schedule this coming Sunday! Way to go AMHS! We are thankful for your service and are impressed with your prompt action and attention to the safety of all passengers.

News From Susan B. English School

by *Chelsea Suydam*

Open House reveals what's going on at SBE

Last week, on Wednesday, September 16th, Susan B. English hosted Open House, in which students' parents could go up to the school and learn about what is going on in their student's lives. SBE's principal Mrs. Hingley gave a Power Point presentation, going over various subjects that included school goals, yearly progress, the onset of a new era, and information on the H1N1 flu virus.

First of all, she explained that Susan B. English met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) last year, with 91% of the students proficient or above in Language Arts, 86% in Math, and a 100% graduation rate. Compare these percentages to the minimum required by the state: 77% in Language Arts, 66% in Math, and a 56% graduation rate.

Mrs. Hingley also elucidated on the goals of the school board, district, and Seldovia's school, all of which SBE is doing well in trying to fulfill. The school board goals consisted of all students being prepared to pursue the educational and/or vocational pathway of their own choice; increased parent, student, and community engagement; improved communication; and an increase in student graduation rates. Some district goals included an increase in the level of collaboration among teachers, principals, and classified staff, along with improved student learning opportunities through the use of technology. Finally, our own school goals were to increase the percentage of students who are proficient and advanced, and to ensure students are prepared with the skills needed for the 21st century.

When the "21st century" is envisioned, one may picture using cell phones, computers, and other modern technology very extensively and efficiently. But in her presentation, Mrs. Hingley referred to the 21st century as something above and beyond this, calling it a new era titled "The Conceptual Age." Whereas the 18th century was the Agricultural Age, the 19th century the Industrial Age, and the 20th century the Information Age, the 21st century is now about creators and empathizers, people who are more collaborative, mobile, and productive. According to a graph from Apple Computers, it has been found that the demand for various skills has changed, and instead of needing "routine cognitive" and "routine manual" skills, we are now in greater need of "complex communications" and "expert thinking." The school goals reflect this need for cooperation, teamwork, and creativity, and should prepare students for this conceptual age.

To better understand why teamwork is so important, parents then took Multiple Intelligence tests to see the intelligences they were strong in, such as visual-spatial, verbal-linguistic, and body-kinesthetic. These tests showed people their strengths, and how some people are stronger in some skills than

others. When a group of people is put together, with each person having his unique strengths, it is my guess that great things can be accomplished.

After taking these tests, parents visited three different classrooms, according to what classes their students are involved in. This allowed them to get acquainted with their children's teachers and what their children are learning.

All in all, Open House seemed to be a successful evening, enlightening us of what our school is doing to make sure that the youth of Seldovia can enter this world with the skills needed to accomplish and succeed.

Borough Assessors Are Still In Seldovia!

by Jenny Chissus

On September 14th, the Kenai Peninsula Borough assessors came to Seldovia to perform field work and inspections. I'm sure you have seen them about, there are 5-6 assessors in town and out Jakolof Bay Road looking to update the KPB files and gather information on additional improvements on properties. They plan on being here through October 2nd, so if you haven't seen them yet upon your doorstep, they are on their way, the green door flier on your doorknob is evidence of their visit! They are working on your assessment value for tax purposes. There is often a big misconception between assessed value and appraised value, and I thought this would be a great opportunity to define the two for you.

An appraiser is usually hired by a bank or home owner to verify market value of a property to justify a loan or sales price for the home or property. They come to a property, and inspect the interior and exterior, take measurements and photos and are working to gather complete information to compare with recent sales data - which they have the right to extract from our Multiple Listing Service to establish market value of a property. They are certified in their field and have many ways in addition to comparable sales data (cost to build, income approach, etc.) to establish market value and give you an appraisal on your property.

An assessor works for the borough, and is out doing mass assessments of complete areas all at one time. They will take measurements of the exterior improvements on the property and take a few photos. They do not typically enter the home, they are just gathering basic information. Since we are a non-disclosure state, they do not have access to the MLS sales data (unlike an appraiser), and work with the minimal sales information they receive from some sellers/buyers at the time of a sale.

The main way assessors gather their sales data is when a property is bought or sold. The borough sends a letter of congratulations to you on the sale or purchase of your home or property, and asks for the price you paid or received on your property. Obviously, you do not have to respond to this letter, but you will receive a second "notice" if you do not respond to the first. Because so few folks are willing to share this private information with the borough, they have very little data to work with.

In conclusion, when the assessors return to the office with all their new data, and come up with the new assessed value - there is a chance that it may not be accurate. This is where you, as the home/land owner have to step in. Don't be afraid to question the value placed on your property - they have always been very willing to work with each home owner to get it "right". So, if you feel that you have been wrongly assessed, give them a call, explain your situation. Perhaps your interior is not finished, or half of your home is a garage, you don't have a well or septic, etc. Sometimes they over assess a property because of neighboring properties that have sold for a higher dollar - but they are completely different in style, age, condition, acreage, etc. Often a lot is over assessed when it is completely unbuildable due to wetlands, or steep topography.

The assessors have a very difficult job, a lot of area to cover, and sometimes they have done "blanket" increases - which may not apply to all properties within that area. Each property and home is unique, and I encourage you to contact their office if you feel that your assessment is wrong, and be ready to give them the information that they were unable to perceive by just walking around the exterior of your home or property.

You can contact the assessing department directly at 1-800-478-4441 extension 2230.

That's Elementary!

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

The Mealworm's Life

*By Alliah Wheeler
2nd Grade*

The K-4 class is working with mealworms. Mealworms are brownish with an exoskeleton. They have six legs and two antennae, and they have a tiny claw on each leg. Their eyes are on the side of their head. The mealworms eat bran. They drink apple juice.



The critters on Alliah's right are mealworms and on her left are pupas.

When they're done being a mealworm they turn into a pupa. The pupas are white. They don't move much. Then they turn into an adult beetle. Then they lay their eggs. The eggs are so small you can't even see them.

Never release a mealworm in Seldovia. They will take over because they are an invasive species. There are many mealworms in the Philippines. My mom said that when they are stepped on they make a crackling noise.

People's Pets

By Cody Bond

4th Grade

When I was little I had lots of pets, and I wanted to see what pets other people have. I asked all the people in the K-4 class what pets they have and what they like about their pets.

David and Ben said they have four fish and one crab. David likes watching the fish and playing with his crab, and Ben likes his crab crawling on his hand.

Axcenia has one lizard, two fish, two dogs, and two birds. She said she bought them because they're fun.

Sage and Zac said they have four roosters, two dogs, one cat, one chick, and fourteen hens. They like petting them.

Ariana and Ashante' said they have two dogs and one rabbit. They said they like their dogs because they pet them.

Skyler and Trevor have two dogs and some fish. They like feeding and playing with them.

Frankie said he has two dogs and four cats. He likes that one of his dogs is fluffy, and he likes petting his cats.

Alliah has no pets.

I have two dogs and one cat. I like that the dogs always guard me from bears, and I like petting my cat.

Crazy Crow Concert on October 1, 2009



CRAZY CROW PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:

RICK BROOKS * Finger-style Wizard!

SORRY - Cancelled until further notice.

We will keep you posted!



"Rick is often called on to play in blues clubs, festivals, and as an opening act for legendary bluesmen. He has opened shows for soloists John Hammond, Paul Geremia and Guy Davis among others. He has shared the bill with such greats as Otis Rush, Bo Diddley, Koko Taylor, Taj Mahal, John Lee Hooker, Jr., the Muddy Waters All-Stars (feat. Big Bill Morganfield), R.L. Burnside, Roomful of Blues and the Fabulous Thunderbirds." - Taken from Rick's website

[Visit his website here to view and hear what Rick is all about!](#)

Rick Brooks is one of Alaska's finest fingerstyle guitarists. He is currently an instructor at Accoustic Alaska Guitar Camp.

Rick says ... "I took my first guitar lessons at eight years old in Oxford, Mississippi. My father wanted me to be Johnny Cash and my teacher wanted me to be Chet Atkins. I would have preferred to be one of the Beatles. At ten, when the family was stationed at Ft. Bragg, I took lessons with Dave Brumble, himself a student of the great Andre Segovia. Dave had me learning everything from surf tunes to easy jazz standards. I lost interest in playing during my adolescence ... distracted by sports, as well as by a move to Alaska. Music was still a passion during this time, listening voraciously and building a large collection of LPs in rock, blues, jazz, classical and world musics.

Soon after high school, I played my first electric guitar and bought it on the spot. Soon after that, I bought a used Martin copy and have been playing ever since.

My freshman year of college in Mississippi, I took a music appreciation course as a part of a general curriculum . . . it looked like an easy A. I moved back to Alaska and spent the next few years taking odd jobs to afford whatever music courses caught my attention: theory, jazz theory, arranging, 20th century composition classes and private study . . . all the while woodshedding fingerstyle blues and folk, and making the first attempts at playing in bands.

In the summer of 1983, went back to Mississippi with the intention of getting a degree and going to Musicians Institute the next fall. When it became apparent that a degree would take longer, I dumped the extraneous courses and took a full load of music, studying music history, counterpoint, arranging and advanced harmonic technique ... anything, as long as it was music. During this time, there were a couple short-lived RnB-rock bands and the first few public performances.

1984-85: Musicians Institute - One year of comprehensive guitar study with some of the world's best players: studied rock and jazz fusion.

1986-92: Played in a series of rock, RnB and Top 40 bands, traveling the state of Alaska from Homer to Nome.

1991-95: taught guitar privately.

1995-98: Began playing solo acoustic at local watering holes, mostly popular rock tunes . . . strummin', 'n' hummin'. At this time, I started adding old blues and British folk tunes, especially the music of John Renbourn, to the sets. Living at the Java Joint at this time, I did the bookings, began playing festivals, and by 1997 was opening shows for bluesman John Hammond and comic Howie Mandel among many others. Also at this time, I collected a wide variety of fingerstyle instrumentals, classical, jazz, Celtic and others to play at private dinners and other social

functions. Adding Christmas tunes made this a popular seasonal set.

The last few years have been spent expanding and refining my fingerstyle abilities, including studies with Renbourn and Duck Baker. I began touring the west coast, with performances in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Nevada, and had the great pleasure of playing for my first national radio audience on West Coast – Live.

More recently, I've been writing and arranging tunes for a CD, putting together the Alaska Guitar Concert Series and teaching workshops.."

Washington DC Close Up 2010

by Vivian Rojas, Washington DC Coordinator

Eight students from Susan B. English School are eager to attend a course in governmental studies offered by the Close Up Foundation in Washington D. C. Close Up is built on the belief that textbooks and lectures alone are not enough to help students understand the democratic process and make it work. Students need a "close up" experience in government. Close Up's national experiential government studies programs strengthen participants' knowledge of how the political process works, increase their awareness of major national and international issues, and motivate them to become actively involved in the world around them.

All individuals deserve the opportunity to be informed citizens of our democracy. Each year, more than 25,000 students, teachers, and other adults take part in Close Up's programs in Washington, D.C. Since the inception of its Washington-based programs in 1971, the Close Up Foundation has welcomed nearly 650,000 students, educators, and other adults to the nation's capital.

The Close Up Program Will:

- * Motivate our students to become an active participant in our democracy,
- * Strengthen their knowledge of how government works and
- * Increase their awareness of major national and international issues.

Close Up Washington brings civic lessons to life by taking students behind the scenes and allowing them to witness their government in action. Students' days are packed from morning to night with activities including study visits to Washington landmarks, seminars with national leaders, peer-to-peer learning workshops, seminars with policy experts, and meeting their legislators on Capitol Hill. In addition, students spend a night on the town at the theater or touring the monuments after dark. They will attend a formal banquet and dance, and are given a day of scheduled independent time for exploring the city. You can find out more about the close-up at their web site: www.closeup.org.

The students will be traveling May 1-8, 2010. They will start their program May 2, Sunday night and wrap up their week on Thursday. The group will

be fundraising to have an extra 2 days in the DC area after their Close up experience if possible.



The funding raising efforts this summer started with a beautiful stain glass created and donated by Marcella Suydam. This amazing stain glass piece can be admired and tickets may be purchased at the Tide Pool Restaurant.

Stained Glass Panel Raffle tickets can also be purchased from any Washington DC student (Cameren Blodgett, Amanda Gain, Courtney Collier, Matthew Gain, Kathleen Gruber, Katrina Hecks, Chelsea Suydam or Mariah Turner) or call the school 234-7616 and leave a message for Ms. Rojas, Close up coordinator. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at the Halloween Carnival in October. A date has not been set yet.

The students have also had several bake sales and we have many fundraising plans in the making.

Every student is willing to work to pay for part of their costs, but many of the students and their parents cannot afford to pay the entire cost of the trip. This includes the tuition for the program, travel from Seldovia to Anchorage and flights from Anchorage to Washington DC.

Your tax deductible donation will be a big help in making this trip possible for the students. You will be helping to shape their lives in a positive way. You may make your tax deductible donation payable to "Susan B. English School" for the 2009 Close Up trip and send it to:

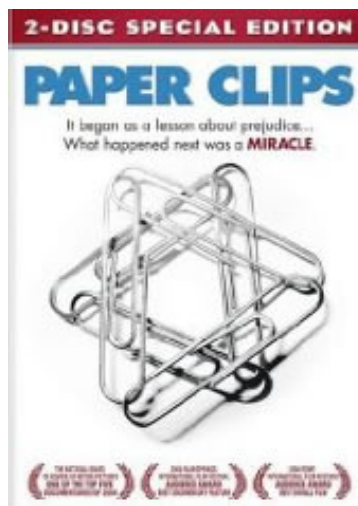
Susan B. English School
Attn: Vivian Rojas
PO Box 171
Seldovia, AK 99663

We are also looking for anyone who may be able to donate "companion fares" on Alaska Airlines to the group. Please contact Vivian through the school (907) 234-7616 if you have any questions or can donate in any way.

Thank you for your consideration and support, we will keep you posted on our fundraising activities.

Movie Review - Paper Clips

by *Jonathan Hoard*



The What is six million? It was that question from an 8th grader at Whitwell TN. middle school that set off a more than 5 year project that changed everyone who would become involved and would draw interest from around the globe. Teachers wanted to expand the world view of their students in their very small, very rural and very white community. So they challenged the 8th graders to study the Holocaust. The problem developed, how does one comprehend so great a number and so great a loss? The idea was formed to collect six million of something, one for every Jewish person killed by the Nazi's.

In their studies they discovered that the paper clip was invented in Norway (who knew?). It was also learned that the Norwegians wore paper clips on their lapel in honor of the Jews that were being persecuted in their country during World War II. And so it began. Letters were written, at first to friends and family but it wasn't long until news of this class project was spreading around the country and around the world. Paper clips began coming to the school individually, sent by presidents, celebrities and Holocaust survivors themselves. But it wasn't just paper clips, letters came

as well, with stories and first hand accounts.

“Paper Clips” is a documentary shot on location in Whitwell TN. I know what you are thinking, documentaries are about as exciting as watching molasses run up hill. This is one that is worth watching. As is mentioned in the film, there isn’t a lot of good news reported these days. This is more than good news. This is a story of students capturing something that is almost slipping away. Holocaust survivors are passing away as are World War II veterans. In too many cases their stories are passing away with them. In their place is a growing climate of ambivalence. Manifested by the fact that those who not only deny the Holocaust but also actively seek to complete it are given the ear of the world in our greatest city in a building called the “United Nations”.

The Paper Clip Project culminated in locating a World War II era German cattle car, the type used to transport hundreds of Jews and other “undesirables”, to the death camps. This small school had the cattle car shipped to their school and built it into a memorial, complete with 11 million paper clips (representing 6 million Jews and 5 million Catholics, Gypsies and others considered "unwanted") and a suitcase full of notes addressed to Ann Frank sent by German school children. Evil and hatred still exist and will go on in our world, but I am pretty sure that the young people of Whitwell TN will have nothing to do with it.

It was stated by some in the film that this project has changed forever the way they view a paper clip and changed the way they say the Pledge of Allegiance. I am pretty sure it will change you too.

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 Bank Account

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.' 'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged, it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.

It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

Have a nice day, unless you already have other plans.

GED instructor for the KPC Kachemak Bay Campus Adult Basic Education Program Will Be In Seldovia on October 9, 2009

The kids are back in school; what about YOU? Do you need to improve your math or writing skills? Having a high school diploma or the GED is now a basic requirement for most jobs.

Lolita Brache, an instructor from Kachemak Bay Campus, travels to Seldovia on a regular basis to assess and tutor students as they prepare for the GED exam. We are also working on improving distance delivery – tutoring by computer such as using E-live. The student and instructor communicate on line, looking at the same material on the screen to work through a math problem or read an essay together.

Lolita will be in Seldovia on Friday October 9th at the ATC (Alaska Tribal Cache) building. Please call to make an appointment: 235-1606.

All tutoring services are free! Students will only pay (\$25) for the actual official GED exam. Those who have completed high school (or GED) and are now interested in college level classes via distance delivery can also stop by to talk to Lolita about college classes.

The Bookworm



Grave Sight - by Charlaine Harris

Reviewed by Tamara Blodgett

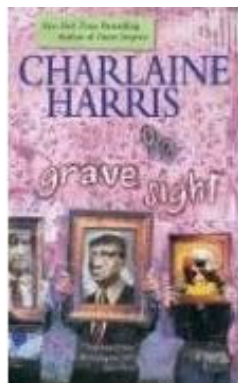
For those of you familiar with the wildly popular *TrueBlood* HBO series which revolves around a psychic and her vampire friends, this is another great series by the same author with a different twist.

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 Update!

Photos and Story by Laurel Hiltz

This week at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club, we made branch vases out of alder branches, glass jars, and raffia. It was nice to be able to use some of nature's remnants for the decoration, as well as recycle a few old jars for the base. Here are a few photos of the finished products.





Many thanks to Happy Schneider for donating a large number of beautiful wood pieces to paint on, such as end tables, vanities, lap desks, doll chairs and table. The list goes on and on! Happy also gave us many art magazines

that demonstrate how to paint wonderful designs on the wooden pieces. It is our hope to partner with the Susan B. English School junior high art class so that they can learn how to do it. The Club will also be holding a workshop for adults to paint on the remaining items. Keep an eye out for signs advertising the date and time. Thanks, Happy!

Another batch of donations that came through the door this month was from The Mad Fish Restaurant. Tim and Isabelle Harbaugh loaded our freezers and shelves with many wonderful food items. Needless to say, the Club members enjoyed the delicious and decadent chocolate cake and the pecan pie. They also had a blast having a whipped cream eating contest, and they are looking forward to more tasty treats as fall rolls on. Thanks, Tim and Isabelle!

Valerie Morin, from The Bridgekeeper's Inn dropped by with a set of 8 new cups that we can use when we serve juice each day. She also brought a bunch of grape juices and apple juices to fill the cups! Thanks, Valerie!

Roy and Joy Watanabe have donated a suburban to the Club, and we are in the process of selling it to a Homer-based business that services Seldovia, a great deal for all involved. Roy moves the old suburban out in order to make room for a new one – the business gets a Seldovia-side rig – and the Boys & Girls Club gets the payment. Thanks, Roy and Joy!

Michelle Massion and Chelsea Suydam have been volunteering in the Power Hour program once again this year. Busy making sandwiches for the hungry students, and then being ready on hand to help anyone with their homework, these two work alongside Vivian Rojas to provide a good working environment for Seldovia's students. Thanks, Michelle and Chelsea!



Thanks to all of you who partner with the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club to make this a place where kids can come each day. If you missed the last edition of the Seldovia Gazette (or if you missed our summer wrap-up article, which I got to the editor late!), I want to share this section of the

piece with you:

“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
Five Parks Quarter, Replaced Solder, Turn on Water Service		COMPLETED
Network Project Update (CRIS) Turn on Solder		COMPLETED
Five Parks Office, Turn on Water Service, Rehook Up Pump System		COMPLETED
Clear Yard, Complete Inventory, Re-establish all Utilities		COMPLETED
Reconnect City Order, Vacuum Truck - Water Repairs, Order Materials		COMPLETED
Reconnect Street Equipment Repair at Hillcrest		COMPLETED
Utility Connection, CRIS Final Act, New-line Review of Applications		COMPLETED
Shoring Crew Construction Layouts, Completing Phase 1 Stage Work		COMPLETED
Build Manholes in Site Truck, Work with Service Trucks and Materials		COMPLETED
Service Manhole Equipment, Trucks, Street Equipment, Compressors		COMPLETED
Plan B & Matt Wright Day Unit - Hydro Methods & Technical Advice		COMPLETED
Original Avenue Water Main (24" C - 6)		COMPLETED
Original Avenue Sewer (24" C - 6)	Thu 7/23/09	Thu 7/23/09
Richardson Street Services (24" C - 6)	Mon 7/27/09	Thu 8/6/09
Richardson Street Water Main (24" C - 6)	Wed 7/29/09	Fri 7/31/09
Richardson Street Water Main & Services (24" C - 6)	Sat 8/1/09	Thu 8/13/09
Richardson Street Services (24" C - 6)	Wed 8/5/09	Thu 8/13/09
1st Street Water Main & Services (24" C - 6)	Fri 8/7/09	Thu 8/20/09
Richardson Street Water Main & Services (24" C - 6)	Wed 8/26/09	Thu 9/3/09

Click on above charts to download full size pdf.

Congratulations On "Looking Fine in 2009"!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF
"LOOKING FINE IN 2009"

The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who submitted an application to our “Looking Fine in 2009” beautification contest.

The commercial category was won by Doug Pieren for his landscape plantings at the Harbor Master building. His gardens are clearly one of the best landscaped and maintained gardens of the commercial buildings in town. Doug won the welcome bench with the carved moose and eagle which spent the summer in front of Main Street Market. The bench will be moved to the Harbor Master's office, so come by, have a seat and see how beautiful these gardens are even this late in the fall.



Doug also won the judge's choice prize which is a \$25 gift certificate from each of four greenhouses: Cookie's Greenhouse, The Wagon Wheel, Fritz Creek Nursery, and our own Gerry Patrick's greenhouse, Buska's Rainbo.



The residential category was won by Mary Anne Wilson. Mary Anne tends an extensive garden. The judges thought the Wilson/Driscoll residence demonstrated a lot of creativity in finding opportunities in the disaster of a windstorm. They liked the use of remaining natural plant materials, as well as the use of the stumps, blended with new plantings. Mary Anne received a cash prize of \$125.

Congratulations to our winners! We hope to make this an annual event and look forward to a creative and beautiful summer of 2010.

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
Phone: (907) 714-8888

Soldotna, Alaska 99669
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 nw@worts@kpbod.k12.ak.us.

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➔ 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:

- Assessments
- Referrals
- Out-patient Drug/Alcohol Case Management
- Community Education
- State of Alaska ADIS Classes
- Experienced Staff & Certified Counselors

*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

We know that on a sunny day like this, in September in Seldovia - you do not wait, you get outside and soak it all up!



City Manager's Corner

by *Tim Dillon, City Manager*

City Manager's Report 8-27-09 to 9-09-09 (**repeat**)

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.

