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Help SBE students get "closer" to Washington DC

Friday, December 18!

submitted by Tamara Blodgett

SBE high-schoolers fund raise "fiesta-style..."

Tired right before Christmas? Give yourself a break and support the group of students committed to traveling to our nation's capitol in the first week of May 2010. On December 18, the Close Up group (and their families) will host a Mexican extravaganza with all the trimmings including the following: tamales, chips/salsa, Spanish rice, beans, sopapillas and lemonade. For fun, a pinata will be pounded to the beat of Mexican music with games for all.

To date the Close Up group has raised over \$3,000 dollars but will need an additional \$6,000 to meet our fund raising goal . Recently, a "garage sale" was held at the space beside the post office where \$500 was garnered for the SBE Booster Club and over \$200 was added to the coffers for the Washington DC trip!

Reasonably priced fare at \$10 per plate and \$35 for the family, everyone can enjoy a meal together *that they didn't prepare* (yea!) during this hectic holiday season and support our kids at the same time; what a deal!

Successful Bake Sale for Close Up Kids

All aboard for the "goody train..."

Fresh and hot baked sweets were the order of the day at last Saturday's bake sale solely devoted to the successful fund raising efforts for our high school students Washington DC trip in May. Like the last bake sale, this event was equally popular with a total raised of:\$624! That makes the total so far over \$900 (since Nov. 1) just for Close Up!

Ongoing Bake Sale and "Gently Used" Items available at the "Flube"!

Watch for future bake sales to be held at Seldovia Fuel & Lube (the

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“Flube”) where a small space will [also] be devoted for select, gently used items with 100% of the proceeds to benefit the Washington DC trip. This will be an “ongoing” sale running through the spring or until sufficient funds have been procured for Close Up.

Happy Holidays Seldovia, and thanks for your continued support!

Boys & Girls Club Announces:

Santa's Secret Workshop - Friday, December 18, 2009

Part-time Unit Director Position Available

submitted by Laurel Hilts

Santa’s Elves are still busy working making presents at the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club. Big elves in the community have been donating items, and little elves at the Club have been working feverishly to make holiday items. Sneak a peek in the Clubhouse and you’ll see freshly potted plants, handcrafted Christmas ornaments and stockings, plus many fun toys, all to be sold at Santa’s Secret Workshop on Friday, December 18th. The “store” will open at 3:00 for children to shop, and at 4:30 adults can join in to buy things, too! Gifts will range in price from 25 cents to 25 dollars and there will be plenty for the kids to choose from. Meta B. will also be there gift-wrapping kids’ presents for free; grown-ups can have theirs wrapped for a donation.

Are you baking cookies to give away during this Christmas season? If so, please consider making an extra batch to donate to the B&G for our Santa’s Secret Workshop sale. Also, any of you knitters, crocheters, quilters, painters, crafters out there that have any spare items that you could donate, we would greatly appreciate it! Call me at the Clubhouse at 234-7577 and let me know if you have any items. Thanks!

One of the reasons we are doing this sale is because we know that money may be tight for some and we wanted the kids to have a chance to shop for nice things, priced inexpensively. Finances have been tight for the Seldovia Boys & Girls Club with the loss of funding from key grants, so the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula has decided to reduce the Unit Director position to part-time, effective January 1st. The Club will still remain open, but will only provide programming from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The new part-time Unit Director position will become available January 1st, and we are currently taking applications for that 20-hour position. I am including a copy of the announcement from our front office in Kenai. Click on the link to download the pdf, or a job description is available online at www.positiveplaceforkids.com. Click on the “Employment Opportunities” tab. If you have any questions about this new position, please give me a call at the Club or stop on by any time.

It has been a privilege working in partnership with the community of



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Susan B English School



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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!

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Seldovia. Thank you for your commitment to the Club and to our kids.

Laurel Hilts
Unit Director



LOST DOG OUT JAKOLOF ROAD - PLEASE HELP!



Akasha's brother and mother are pictured here, and she looks a lot like them - Thanks again for keeping an eye out for Akasha!

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My black female Malemute, about 45 lbs with off-white markings ran off Monday. Her tracks reached Barabara Creek on Wednesday, was sighted Saturday near the NOAA lab on the road, and her tracks were found around and on the road half way up Jakolof Bay.

I need help from everyone to keep an eye open for her, and call me immediately if seen at 399-8262, any time of day. She is extremely shy, and will run away from anybody. My best description of her would be that she looks like a scrawny Malemute.

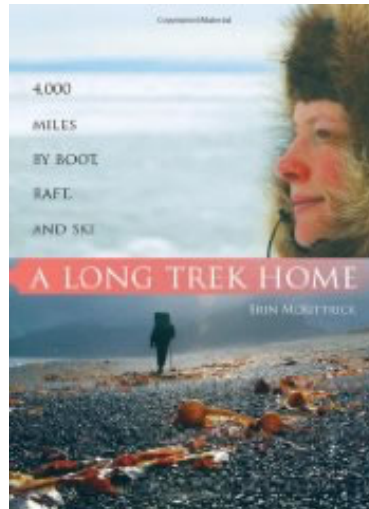
I will start making and setting large plywood humane traps for her today, from Jakolof Bay to McDonald Spit in view from the road. Calls from persons witnessing their being tripped closed would be most helpful.

I fear my beloved Akasha is getting weak and may perish. All available eyes may make the difference between life and death.

Sincerely, Sadi 399-8262

Seldovia Author Book Signing Event!

submitted by Savannah Lewis



Seldovian author Erin McKittrick and fellow trekker Bret Higman will be at the library this Thursday evening for a slide presentation on their journey and book signing of Erin's new book, *Journey on the Wild Coast*.

Please join us for this free event:

December 10, 2009

Multipurpose Room at 7 pm

Books will be available for purchase and signing, or you are welcome to bring copies you've already purchased to be signed. This is a perfect opportunity to cross off those remaining gifts on your Christmas list with a real Seldovian flare.

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▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.

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POWER RESTORED TO SELDOVIA!

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Seldovia Update: 4:56pm Friday - December 4, 2009. Our crew just finished the repair work on the main power line and we have switched back to system power. The Seldovia generator has been switched off and all systems are normal.

Homer Electric very much appreciates the patience of residents on the south side of the Bay during the restoration work.

Joe Gallagher
Homer Electric Association
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OUTAGE UPDATE #11
DATE: December 3, 2009 6:30 pm

Seldovia outage update

HEA's Emergency Generator in Seldovia tripped off line around 4 pm Thursday afternoon due to a fault on the power line. The fault was likely caused by heavy snow load.

The second generator (there are two located in Seldovia) was started Thursday afternoon and provided electricity to Seldovia, Port Graham and Nanwalek. However, parts of Seldovia and homes along Jakalof Bay Road (172) were out of power until an HEA crew could patrol the line and make sure it was safe to re-energize.

At approximately 6:15 pm, the crew was able to verify the line was safe to re-energize and power was restored along Jakalof Bay Road to Savage Court, just beyond McDonald Spit. From Savage Court on through to McKeon Flats, the power is out and will remain out for the remainder of the night. On Friday, HEA crews will return to three areas between Tutka Bay and McKeon Flats where the line has been brought down by heavy snow load.

If you are without power, please report the outage on HEA's outage hotline at 1-888-8OUTAGE (1-888-868-8243) and listen to your local radio station for updates on the restoration status.

HEA also would like to warn people to **STAY AWAY FROM ANY DOWNED POWER LINE** and report the downed line to Homer Electric.

The lines are very dangerous and any contact with a power line can cause serious injury or death.

For additional information regarding this press release, please call Joe Gallagher at 907-283-2324.

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Corrections



Come join us for hot chocolate, cookies and... lively discussion with our new mental health clinician! SVT Conference Center Tuesday, December 1, 12:15-1PM

***Seldovia Holiday Stress Disorder**

Alaska Clean Harbors

ATTENTION

Seldovia Citizens and Harbor Users!

The Tuesday, November 24th meeting has been postponed!

The Seldovia Clean Harbor Workgroup Meeting has been rescheduled for:

**When: Wednesday
December 16th, 2009**

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Multi-Purpose Room

See the website listed below for the agenda and meeting materials as well as general project information.

If you would like more information about the *Seldovia Clean Harbor Project*, call Tim Robertson at 907.399.3598 or visit our website at www.nukaresearch.com/projects/SeldoviaHarbor

If you would like to volunteer for the workgroup, contact Tim Dillon, City Manager phone: 907.234.7643 - fax: 907.234.7430 - email: citymanager@cityofseldovia.com mail: Drawer B, Seldovia, AK 99663 or stop by the City Office

Top Stories

Veterans Day

Celebrating Seldovia's Veterans

Submitted by Sunni Hiltz

Seldovia has a rich heritage in the people who have been willing to put their lives on hold and on the line for our country. As we celebrate veterans this week we acknowledge those that walk amongst us. This is not a complete list, and The Gazette would welcome and appreciate any additions and corrections.

Please thank our veterans the next time you see them:

**Frank Agli
Michael (Mickey) Balashoff
Dan Blodgett
Gene Cameron
Paulie Carluccio
Josie Carlough
Lou Collier
Curtis Dickson
Mike Driscoll
Joe Fleckenstein
Tom Keesecker
Carl Lindstedt, Jr
Mike Miller
Bruce Nordenson
Mavis Owens
Rob Rurka
Keith Seville, Sr
Brian Slover
Jerry R. Swanson
Jack Thomas
Ron Turner
Leon Wallin
Mike Webber
Pete Wilbur
Dick Wyland**



Those we have lost this year but remember with heartfelt thanks:

**Tuggle Int-Hout
Eric Nordenson
Gerry Willard**

Thank you to Darlene Crawford and Lou Collier who helped put together this list of those in our community who have served our country faithfully in the military.

A Celebration of Life

Photos and Submissions by Toby Seville

This Thursday, November 12, the community gathered to say goodbye to Misty Ann Brown and Keith Seville Jr. who both passed away this last weekend.

Toby Seville, who lost his brother Keith wanted to share this letter that he read at the Celebration of Life that was held in their honor.

"All the Seville family wants to give the Brown family all our love, sympathy and support of the tragic loss of Misty. I personally haven't seen Misty in a few years but she was always in Peni and my hearts along with Matthew, Jacquelyn, Buck and Rita.

Watching her grow up, the smile on her face when she made a lay up or a basket from the outside, she turned out to be a wonderful athlete. Just like Keith, full of spirit and love for the game.

By loosing first George tragically, and now Keith, our family knows what Buck and Rita and family are going through right now. So that's where all our friends come in with their love and support, for its not just our loss, it's everyone's loss. So we want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you.

And I'd like to take this time to give thanks to the group of EMTs - Mary Jo, Alix Chartier, Gerry Patrick, Mike Webber and Tim and Sara O'Leary, Doc Larry and Andy Anderson for their quick response and team work for trying to bring brother Keith back from the other side. They came together as a team and did not stop trying until Doc Larry said he was gone. This community can't loose a team like this and they need our support.

Thank you, Toby Seville"

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Thank You





Toby also wanted to take a moment to share this letter to George, his other brother who passed away recently. He thanked the community for their support during this difficult time for his family.

"George,

Growing up with you we had a lot of fun. We had our ups and downs throughout our life like most brothers, but we managed to stay close. When Dad and the four of us set out for Alaska nobody knew what was in store for us. It made us all independent, especially you.

You leave a big sadness in our hearts, but knowing all the people you've touched in your life is overwhelming. Hopefully, we will have closure in what happened to you. You were chosen for some reason. They say when someone passes, that the Lord needed a good skipper or deckhand or mechanic, with all the carpenters and contractors up there the Lord needed someone to tear all those old houses down so he chose you.

It's emotional going through all your stuff, from cans of rusty bolts and nails to your better stuff like tools and that new washing machine I heard you were proud of. So your brothers: Keith, John and I and sisters in-laws: Peni and Cathy, along with Perley and Debbie and Nevaeh, are doing our best to take care and clean up your place. So don't get mad at me for driving your truck.

I noticed that you were planning a trip somewhere when I cleaned out your van with the brochures I found, and some of the new travel gear you bought. But like the priest said when we celebrated your birthday on the 7th and spread part of you around Nanwalek: "Your spirit is set free and you can go anywhere you want." So have a good trip.

We are going to set the rest of you free with all your friends and family on the Independence. Your comrades that have fallen before you have a head start on you. So we're going to give you a quick boost with a bang so you can catch up with them quicker, and don't have to swim as far. You all will always be in our hearts and minds. So hold on George and have a good journey.

P.S. I left a little bit of you in the galley, so you'll always be the last one from the table, we can't break tradition.

We all love and miss you. Toby"



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We all love and miss you

Two of the photos above were taken at the Celebration of George's life.

MistyAnn Valerie Brown

Photo and Submissions by the Brown Family

MistyAnn Valerie Brown was summoned to Heaven on November 7th, 2009. She was born December 10, 1979 at South Peninsula Hospital to Rita and Warren Brown.



She was raised and went to school in Seldovia, attending Susan B. English from kindergarten till graduating high school. She was quiet and unassuming until she hit the basketball court where she excelled and rained terror on opposing teams.

After high school she attended college for half a year in Montana, but being an Alaskan girl through and through she returned to her state and lived in Anchorage and Cordova.

She worked in various restaurants, mostly as a cook, which she really enjoyed. She commercially fished since a child, and could outwork most. Nothing scared her and she always had a mischevious grin.

She left behind her parents, Buck and Rita, her brother Matthew, sisters Jacquelyn and MaryAnn and dog Oreo, many aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfather, cousins and a new nephew, Gaius. Also the people in Seldovia, which loved her too.

Christmas Comes Early To Seldovia!

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 21st!

Saturday, November 21st there will be a Christmas Bazaar in the Multi-Purpose room, with crafts and products to assist you with your Christmas shopping - right here in Seldovia!

At 4:00 p.m. we will hold the Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the gardens in front of the clinic! Please come and join us in welcoming in the Holiday season!



The Booster Club is having a HUGE garage sale in the retail space beside the Post Office, where you may come to "Make an offer" on all kinds of useable items, from TVs, Coffee Pots, Coats and Toys!

Please know that you may also drop off donated items at that location between 11:00am and Noon to help the Booster Club with their fundraising efforts! The sale begins at Noon and will be open until 4:00pm! Thank you Dianne Gruber and Tamara Blodgett for coordinating this event and to Dick and Sammie Reason for donating the space for the sale!



There will also be Pumpkin Pies and other baked goods available for purchase at the sale to raise funds for the Close Up trip - so please stop by and purchase your Saturday night dessert! You are also welcome to donate baked goods to the cause!

At 2:00 p.m Santa has agreed to make an early stop in Seldovia! He will be at the Main Street Market until 3:00 p.m! Please stop by in your Christmas outfits where we will take FREE photos of the kids with Santa! We are also happy to offer to email parents the photos, so they can use it for Christmas! (Thank you to Darlene Crawford for offering that generous gift!)



US Census Is Recruiting In Seldovia

by Laura Brooks

The US Census is recruiting for local people to help conduct the 2010 Census. This is part-time work with flexible hours and good pay (\$25/hour). Work will most likely start late February or March 2010.

Job Applicants must pass a 30 minute qualifying exam. Practice test are available at the library or online [here](#).

There will be a test session here in Seldovia in December. Please call 1-866-861-2010 for further information. Please remember you must bring picture ID and proof of citizenship. (Click on below thumbnail to go to website for more information)

Please don't hesitate to call me directly with any questions. My cell number is 299-2060.

Santa's Workshop Opens December 18th!

Photos and story by Laurel Hilts

We all know that Santa is too busy checking his naughty/nice list so he has to rely on his elves to make all those wonderful Christmas toys each year. Well, his elves have also been busy at the Boys & Girls Club each day making wonderful things for Santa's Workshop! (Check out the photo of the Christmas eggs they decorated.)



The Club will have a special store on Friday, December 18th, for the boys and girls of Seldovia to go shopping at, but the elves could use a little help. In addition to all the great things they are making, they wondered if you, too, could donate items for the workshop. Do you have any new items laying around the house that could be better used in this store for kids? Or do you have things that you could make (slippers, hot pads, scarves) or bake (cookies, fudge, cakes)? Maybe you're making a Christmas order for stocking stuffers (i.e. Oriental Trading Post). Can you add in a few holiday toys or treats for the Club? All these things would be great in Santa's Workshop, too!



Santa's Secret Workshop!

What? Santa's Secret Workshop
When? Friday—December 18th, starting at 2:00 p.m.
Where? The Seldovia Boys & Girls Club
Why? So kids of all ages can shop!

- Items will be priced inexpensively so children can purchase gifts to give for Christmas.
- A free gift-wrapping station will be available.
- Adults will have the opportunity to shop once the kids have finished their shopping.
- Desserts will be served.

Thanks to Helen Josefson for dropping off a bunch of pieces she knew the kids would enjoy. It sparked the idea of having a Santa's Workshop in Seldovia once again. Items can be dropped off at the Clubhouse or you can call Laurel Hiltz at 234-7577 and we'll come by and pick them up.



Special Note to Artists: We have some beautiful wooden pieces that we would like to have painted on – they were donated by Happy Schneider. Would you be willing to paint a scene on one of the pieces in order for us to sell? Please let us know. We have all types of items to pick through. Take a look at the one I even painted so you can know that the standard is not too high.

News From Susan B. English School

by Chelsea Suydam

Sports Update

Last weekend, the junior high basketball teams and the high school volleyball girls traveled across the bay to give the Sea Otters a good name. The junior high basketball players went over to Homer and played Homer Middle School's JV team. Both the guys' and girls' team landed their first victory, and, according to Nathan Suydam and Rosalia Purpura on Homer

JV, "they were easy." The twelve boys on the team must have felt exhilarated after winning their first game, having played two strenuous teams – Cook Inlet Academy (twice) and Aurora Borealis – in the past few weekends. It was also the girls' first win, and, having only 6 players for away games (5 being the minimum), their hard work was greatly rewarded.



The junior high teams got to play this Tuesday, too: Nikolaevsk made it over on the ferry to fit in some afternoon games. The girls played first, but against Nikolaevsk's strong and height-advantaged line-up they unfortunately lost. On the other hand the boys were able to win by a few baskets, as the teams were more evenly matched in ability.

In high school sports, last Friday, November 6th, the high school volleyball girls drove up the highway to attend CIA's Invitational tournament. Their first game was against Lumen Christi, a team they'd struggled with earlier in

the year, and, to their disappointment, they lost in two sets (matches were two out of three). Treating that game as a warm up and something to only move forward from, the team was ready to play CIA an hour later, and they beat them with gusto.

The next day, with two seniors taking SAT's early in the morning till 11:00 and 1:30, the JV team had to step it up and play Wasilla Lake without the seniors. Although one senior did make it back just in time, Coach Ila let her JV team start and play most of the game on their own – of which they did extremely well, beating their opponent in just two sets. Next up was Ninilchik (for the fourth time this season), but by this time the Otters knew what to do and did it – taking Ninilchik with the energy and power they knew they had. Finally, they were in the championship game against Tok, and did all the warming up they could (and energizing out on the playground!) to be sure they were ready. This game, which was three out of five, did take an extended fourth set– but the victory was on the Otters' side, and they placed first at the tournament!



Chelsea Suydam and Katrina Hecks - our two Senior Volleyball players honoring their parents
Photos taken and submitted by Jenny Chissus

Let's hope these victories will give the teams a boost for their games to

come: Good luck to the junior high boys and girls at Ninilchik this weekend and Regions next weekend! The volleyball team will also be having their annual Dad's Game on Saturday at 7:30, so feel free to come and cheer on the dads and girls and have some pizza.

Old Time Seldovian In The News!



Dana Stabenow spent some of her youth in Seldovia and graduated from Susan B. English School. Kathy Gotlieb - another long-time Seldovian, is the inspiration for Dana's main character, Kate Shugak.

Dana won an Edgar for her Kate Shugak series in 1993 and has hit the national bestsellers list! Her series is headed to television and will be filmed in Alaska!

Check out Dana's website by clicking on the thumbnail of her newsletter below!

A screenshot of a newsletter titled 'THE ROADHOUSE REPORT' with the subtitle 'The latest from around the bar at Bernie's...'. It is identified as 'THE Official DANA STABENOW NEWSLETTER' with the website 'www.stabenow.com'. The main article is titled 'Kate Shugak, Alaskan PI television series'. The text reads: 'This special edition of the Roadhouse Report is to let you all in on a secret I've been keeping for what feels like years but is really only months.' It mentions that 'Evergreen Films' of Anchorage and Los Angeles has acquired the screen rights to the 'Kate Shugak novels' for a television series. A quote from Dana Stabenow follows: 'As you have all heard me say too many times to count, I was determined to sell the screen rights only to someone who would shoot the series in Alaska. Specifically, to someone who would put Alaska, not British Columbia or central Washington state, right up there next to Kate and Mutt.' Another quote from Mike Devlin is included: 'Well, that someone found me. Mike Devlin made his bones in Silicon Valley software, came north and fell in love with Alaska, and is now pursuing a second life in film production. I don't know him that well yet, but my gut says he's got a good heart and a hard head, along with the muscle and the determination to make this happen. He says, and I'm quoting verbatim, "There's no reason we can't film the whole series in Alaska."' A link is provided: 'Read more about Evergreen in Alaska in the Anchorage Daily News story here.' The final paragraph states: 'The press conference announcing the deal was this morning at 11am, and Mike and I will be on Hour 3 (aka 4pm) of Dan Fagan's radio show today.'

I want to thank Laurel Hilts for catching this story and sending it on to the Gazette! It will be interesting to see where they decide to film the series!

SBE Digital Photography Class

Tim Winter's Digital Photography Class wanted to share a few photos that

have been taken recently by the students at SBE. Enjoy! Amanda, Devon, and Victoria were the models and photographers for these unique shots and use of color!







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!

Italian

*By David Botero
3rd Grade*

My class has been doing Italian for a month now. It is hard to remember the words. We learned colors and some other words. It is fun to do Italian. I like to do Italian. It is kind of like Spanish, but not really. Some colors like red, blue, and green are almost the same as Spanish. We learned words like boy, girl, computer, shirt, pants, and desk and a lot more. The Italian word for computer is kind of like English. In Italian a boy is un bambino and a girl is una bambina. They speak Italian in Italy.

Code Blue Brings in a New Stryker!

Photos and Story by Mary Glover

I just attended the symposium with a few members of the EMS Team who came from Seldovia this year. It was great to see Gerry Patrick, Sara and John, and Seldovia's Medical Director, Dr. Larry Reynolds.



The big news is that under the Code Blue program, Seldovia EMS was able to get a "new" Stryker, which is a fully automatic gurney! Please see the photos below! The new machine will make life so much easier for the EMS team as it is fully operational with the push of a button. This is the same Stryker that Homer EMS and Fire Dept. has and what the EMS crew in Seldovia has been drooling over for a number of years. The current Stryker that the Seldovia uses is no longer in production because it was so difficult to operate.



Here are a few pictures of the Seldovia EMS team and Sue Heck who is the Executive Director of the Southern Regional EMS Council. They were the people who put on the Symposium for all the EMS personnel in the State of Alaska. Sue said that their registration attendance was up this year and even though the conference attendance was threatened by inclement weather, the registrants still were able to make the conference.

It is a really great conference with excellent instructors and some of the finest people one would ever have the privilege of meeting.

Kachemak Ferry Furnishes The Facts!

Submitted by Nicole Ivancovich

Double click on the fact sheet below to view full size.

FACT SHEET: SELDOVIA BAY FERRY





▲ Upgrading Kachemak Bay National Commercial Recreation Area to Recreational Ferry
▲ New service between Homer and Seldovia
▲ Specialty designed ferry with lots of outdoor seating areas

Route:



HOMER
SELDOVIA

New Service Linking Homer to Seldovia

KEY POINTS:

- New 2010 passenger ferry service linking Homer to Seldovia.
- The new ferry is Alaska owned and operated by the Seldovia Village Tribe.
- There are no roads to Seldovia. Ferry and air service are the only options for travel.
- Seldovia is an authentic, seldom-visited, village in Alaska's Kachemak Bay.
- Ticket price includes sight-seeing en route to Seldovia.

ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE: Across the bay, a world away. When the road ends, the real Alaska begins. Leave your cars and cans behind and spend a day exploring Seldovia. Hike, experience the new Visitor Center, Museum, and Russian Orthodox Church. Wander on foot and enjoy bird-watching, berry picking or just relaxing. En route we show you the sites of Kachemak Bay—like bird colonies on Gull Island and sea otters in Edridge Passage.

PRICING:

ADULT: \$19 + tax
Round-trip tour includes sightseeing cruise to Gull Island Bird Rockers, scenic cruising through Edridge Passage, time in Seldovia, and round-trip transportation.

CHILD: \$20.50 + tax. Children 12 and under.

FREIGHT: One-Way Transportation and Freight Service. Convenient schedules throughout the week.

FOR RESERVATIONS, TICKETING, and ONLINE INFORMATION:

Online: seldoviabayferry.com (available 24/7/365)

In person: Ferry Ticket Office
3853 Homer Spit Rd
Homer, AK

By phone: 877-703-5279

Updates: Sign up online at seldoviabayferry.com (available 24/7/365)

THE ALASKANS BEHIND THE FERRY: The Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe that serves its members and the communities of Kachemak Bay, Alaska. SVT works to preserve our culture, be leaders in community health, promote business enterprise and foster educational opportunities. To learn more about the Seldovia Village Tribe, visit www.svt.org

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 Seldovia Village Tribe, IRA **Phone:** 907-235-2926
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ABOUT THE NEW FERRY:

- Stable, twin-hull catamaran design. Built 2009
- 150 interior seats, 19 exterior seats
- Full wrap-around deck for unobstructed viewing and photography
- Onboard video monitors and entertainment systems
- Climate controlled interior, double-pane windows for fog-free viewing
- Full galley, two wheelchair accessible restrooms

Movie Review - Medal Of Honor

by Jonathan Hoard



“Above and beyond the call of duty”. It’s hard for those of us who have never faced combat to understand what that experience is like and what it does to a person. However, that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t try to understand. Because without some level of understanding there is no appreciation.

“Medal of Honor” is a PBS documentary about the history of our nations highest military honor. But it is much more than a recalling of facts about a medal.

This film tells the stories of the men (and one woman) who received this great honor. The film chronicles the time from when Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain defended Little Round Top during the Civil War up to present day Iraq when Cpl. Jason Dunham threw himself on a grenade to protect his men.

A common theme in the interviews of some of the recipients was that they did not consider themselves heroes. They signed up to fight to defend their country and its freedom but on the day of their greatest challenge they laid their life on the line for the men next to them.

This is not a movie full of glory and glamour. This film is the telling of the stories of ordinary men, who when faced with overwhelming odds risked and often times gave their lives to do the extraordinary.

The passing of another Veterans Day and the recent killings at Ft, Hood are once again reminders that everyday, all over this planet, our nations finest are standing a post. They serve and sacrifice for our freedom and often for the freedom of many who could care less, and yet they serve.

We can and should learn a lot from the type of men and women in this film. Even just the words used to describe them, like dedicated, selfless, compassionate and brave, are a call for us to stand upon those same principles.

It seems there is a tendency to forget that there are evil men and evil forces that seek to destroy freedom and life and liberty. It would be dangerous and truly regrettable to forget those who have given so much to protect us from that evil. God bless our Veterans.

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

Thoughts to Ponder

Author Unknown



Washington, DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007. The man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After 3 minutes, a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

The violinist received his first dollar: A woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

A 3-year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money, but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

Findings:

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before Joshua Bell sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100.



This is a true story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the Metro Station was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste, and people's priorities. The questions raised: "In a common place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?"

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made.... How many other things are we missing?

[Click here to read the article in the Washington Post.](#)

Boys And Girls Club November Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	C L O S E D S U N D A Y
2 Pottery 3:30-5:30 p.m.	3 Teen Gym 7-9 p.m.	4 Craft Time 3-5 p.m.	5 Movie Day! 3:30 p.m.	6 SVT Teen Night 9-12	7	
9 Pottery 3:30-5:30 p.m.	10 Teen Gym 7-9 p.m.	11 Reading with Spenda! Craft Time 3-5 p.m.	12 Movie Day! 3:30 p.m.	13 SVT Teen Night 9-12	14 Fathers Vs. Daughters Volleyball Match 7:30 p.m.	
16 Pottery 3:30-5:30 p.m.	17 Teen Gym 7-9 p.m.	18 Craft Time 3-5 p.m.	19 Movie Day! 3:30 p.m.	20 SVT Teen Night 9-12	21	
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30 Pottery 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Each day during November, we will be making arts & crafts to sell at Santa's Workshop on December 18th!			HOURS Saturdays - 9:00-12:00 p.m. Mondays - Fridays 3-6 p.m. Pottery Mondays 2:30-5:30 p.m.	*TEEN Activities: Tues. Open Gym 7-9 p.m. Fri. SVT's Teen Night 9:00-midnight *TEEN = students 7th through 12th grade	



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The Bookworm



***Firestarter* by Stephen King**

Reviewed by Tamara Blodgett

A most popular Horror-genre novelist, King's more recent work has fallen flat. However, his earlier work is intensely engaging, with *Firestarter* [being] my absolute favorite King work to date.

Our eight-year-old protagonist, Charlie, leads a seemingly normal life with parents who (before her birth) participated in a government-funded study during their college years. The results of the experimentation altered them in ways they couldn't have anticipated, which included altering their DNA. Charlie, a product of this altered DNA has abilities that are all her own and made for an "exciting" toddler-hood for her parents!

They have built a happy family for themselves but soon find that they have been under government surveillance for years and that happiness is eventually threatened and altered. A tug-of-war between the family unit and the government ensues and they find themselves struggling to protect what is most precious and fighting the exploitation of their daughter.

King is the master of subtle humor mixed with revealing the underbelly of humanity in sly flashes throughout his work. He almost always portrays people that are integrity-driven to balance out the inherent evil that he creates. In this work, as a reader, we agonize for the family as they continue to make tough choice after tough choice, then finally, the best choice out of bad ones. Especially compelling is Charlie's bravery in the face of [nearly] insurmountable odds.

If you enjoy *Firestarter*, other King works which are very good are the following: *The Stand* (saga-length), *Carrie* and *Salem's Lot*.



5/5 Stars

Genre: Horror

Sub-genre: Paranormal,

Government shadowing/



espionage/intrigue

Age: Teen+

Elements: Mild Sexuality, Strong
Violence, Child endangerment/
peril and some Profanity

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

Boys & Girls Club Facility is Available to You!



Seldovia City Council Meeting - 11/11/09

The Seldovia City Council convened together with the following members present: Allison Miller, Walter McInnes, Steve Pollack and John Colberg. Gerry Patrick was available by phone, and Dean Lent had an excused absence while traveling. City Mayor Gain presided; City Manager Tim Dillon was present and City Clerk Mary Klinger took minutes.

Treasurer's Report - None

Proclamations - none

Ordinance Introductions - none

Public Presentation Prior Notice - none

Public Presentation For Items Not On The Agenda

Laura Brooks from the US Census came to let the community know that there are positions available for next year to assist with the 2010 Census. Click [here](#) to go to the article for more information.

Carl Kappen, the Superintendent from CRW and VSW reported that they should be done by Thanksgiving with all the work expected this year! They are 100% done with all the projects on the water system, and just a few days left on Young and Anderson with sewer lines. They will be back next year for concrete work. Councilman McInnis and City Manager Tim Dillon thanked Mr. Kappen for his leadership and hard work on this project. Seldovia is thankful for a job well done!

Sue Christianson thanked the council and staff for all their hard work, time and energy they put into serving the community. She also asked that the council would consider donating the old harbor ramp to the road that crosses Windy River. There is only a single log that spans the river currently, and it is terribly unsafe and a real hazard to cross. She has fallen off a few times already! Though she would personally benefit from this ramp being placed there as she has a cabin out that way, it would provide safe access to many who enjoy the hikes and trips in that area. She also mentioned that DOT has offered to donate time and equipment to place the bridge. The council took her idea under advisement and will have to consider it at a later date when it is on the agenda.

Committee and Advisory Board Reports

SOS: Tim Dillon reported that The Husky 2 boom watch continues. The contract with SOS has been extended until January 10, 2010. Winter Vessel Monitoring plan continues and includes snow removal as well as how to shore up the vessel so that snow and ice does not end up in the hull. Last Sunday the water level had risen to a level that kicked off the alarm. Mr. Dillon has met with the Coast Guard, SOS in regards to this continuing issue. Mr. Dillon wanted to express thanks to the community and to those who have noticed the alarm and contacted the appropriate authorities on two separate occasions already. If you ever see the light going off, please call SOS Dispatch directly at 399-3992.

Waterfront Development Committee: Tim P. Dillon (Dillon & Dillon Construction) announced that the committee has met twice so far, and plan on having a public meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00pm here in the Multi-purpose room to get feedback from the community in regards to the plans for the waterfront area. This upcoming meeting will focus on the Gateway Pavilion and he looks forward to seeing a lot of participation from the community.

Fish & Game: Keith Gain announced that there will be a meeting on December 8, 2009 at 7pm here in the Multi-purpose room where they will have elections and go over current game proposals.

Old Business

Recommended site for Lollipop Park

This has been a very controversial subject, but at the end of the evening, with all the thoughts and opinions on the table, a motion was made to designate Lot 1 Block 10 as Lollipop Park - the new location for the small "kiddie" park as recommended by the Waterfront Development Committee.

Action: Approved, 4 to 1

New Business

Resolution 10-05, Seldovia Financial Disclosure Form

A revised financial disclosure form was presented.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Appointment to the Planning Commission

Sara Nichols expressed interest in the position and Mayor Gain recommended approval of her appointment to the commission.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Resignation of Council member, Allison Miller

Allison Miller is in the process of moving out of the city limits and has submitted her letter of resignation. They moved to accept with regret her resignation.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Clean Harbors Committee Members

City Manager Tim Dillon had planned to have the list of committee members available for approval for this meeting but was unable to reach certain individuals. He will have the list prepared for the next meeting.

Action: No Action Necessary At This Time

Check Signers for the City Account

The City needs to add Steve Pollack and remove both Tom Glover and Allison Miller from the list of council members with check signing authority.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Informational Items Not Requiring Action - none

City Manager's Report , see below.

Manager, Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items not on the Agenda

Several councilmen thanked members of the audience for attending

Next Regular Meeting December 9, 2009 - no meeting on November 25.

Special Notices

\$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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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.

AACA Nominations and Awards



NEWS RELEASE

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Accepting Nominations for AACAA Service Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 12, 2009

The Alaska Air Carriers Association is actively seeking nominations for the AACAA Service Awards. These awards recognize the exceptional merit of individuals or organizations who demonstrate the highest standards of performance and professionalism in the Alaskan aviation industry.

Anyone, whether a current member of AACAA or not, may submit nominations for these awards which will be presented at our annual convention in March 2010. I have attached a brief description of each category and a nomination form. We encourage community participation, especially from Bush Alaska where aviation plays such a pivotal role in everyday life.

Additional forms may be obtained by visiting
www.alaskaaircarriers.org

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*Existing to foster and support a stable commercial aviation industry
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AACA SERVICE AWARDS

By acknowledging the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, the Alaska Air Carrier Association service awards encourage performance at the highest standards, continually developing professionalism in the Alaskan aviation industry.

AACA Arlo Livingston Award This award recognizes individual achievement in the betterment of Alaskan aviation. The AACA Arlo Livingston Award was created in 1983 in memory of a remarkable man who made a lifelong contribution to the aviation industry. Arlo was instrumental in starting the Alaska Air Carriers Association in 1966.

Previous recipients include leaders from every corner of Alaska:

Carl Brady, honored as an early helicopter pioneer

Richard Wien, honored for taking AACA statewide & serving as the 1st statewide president

Ken Eichner, helicopter pilot and businessman, honored as an initial AACA supporter

This award is considered each year, but is given only when a deserving candidate is identified who has made an exceptional contribution to Alaskan aviation.

AACA Tony Cestnik Maintenance Award

The Tony Cestnik Maintenance Award exists to honor an individual, team, or organization for distinguished, longstanding performance of aviation maintenance which sets a standard of excellence.

Mechanic of the Year Award

This award recognizes a mechanic for exemplary long-term service or an outstanding specific action which personifies an outstanding awareness of the contribution of maintenance to aviation safety. The recipient must be a current Airframe and Powerplant-rated mechanic with at least five years of experience. Eligibility for this award is limited to hands-on maintenance personnel and their direct supervisors.

AACA Iditarod Humanitarian Service Award

This award was created to honor an individual pilot or aviation company who best demonstrates the value of aviation in transporting and caring for the dogs or people participating in the Last Great Race. The award may be for a particular single action, or for service in a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time.

AACA Excellence in Communications Award

This award honors an individual, publicist, journalist, or media group that has achieved either (a) the most distinct dissemination of aviation news that results in public awareness, (b) makes a significant impact in educating the public on an aspect of the aviation industry, or (c) provides, over a period of time, consistently informative coverage that positively advances an aviation issue.

AACA Community Service Award

This award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding service to the community through improvements to cargo, mail or passenger service to a specific site or a region. The award can recognize a particular single action, or for service in a consistently outstanding manner for a period of time.

AACA Emergency Medical Transport Award

This award recognizes an aviation team or pilot who, through a particular rescue /transport or contributions over a period of time to the air medical industry, has exemplified professionalism and expediency in the saving of lives.

Pilot of the Year Award

The award recognizes an outstanding single feat performed by a pilot during the year, or extraordinary professionalism over a period of time.

 ***H1N1 Parent Letter - Community Awareness***



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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@wrtn@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

Seldovia's Clean Harbor Project Begins



Home Meetings Documents Contacts

Seldovia Clean Harbor Project Home

Updated: October 27, 2009 11:17

ATTENTION: Seldovia Citizens & Harbor Users

 **Add your name to our Distribution List for Project Updates**

The City of Seldovia is seeking volunteers for the Seldovia Clean Harbor Workgroup. The workgroup will provide guidance in developing best management practices to minimize environmental impacts from port and harbor operations. The workgroup will consider operations and maintenance practices for:

- Solid Waste
- Fish Waste
- Hazardous Liquids
- Petroleum Products
- Boat Cleaning and Hull Maintenance
- Sewage and Pump-out Facility Operations, and
- Vessel Operations

Volunteers will be asked to participate in two workgroup meetings per month from November until April. The public will be welcomed at all meetings.


If you would like more information about the Seldovia Clean Harbor Project, call Tim Robertson at 907 399-3598.

If you would like to volunteer for the workgroup, contact Tim Dillon, City Manager, by 12 Noon Monday, November 2.
email: citymanager@cityofseldovia.com
phone: 907 234-7643
fax: 907 234-7430
address: Drawer B, Seldovia, AK 99663 or stop by the City Office.

Click [here](#) to view details of upcoming meetings – schedule, agendas, meeting materials, etc.

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Harbor Photos



Tidbits . . .

Seldovia's first snowmen, built by my daughter Marina on the 9th of November! She had to work VERY hard to get enough snow to make this cute "couple". They lasted one day, before we had the huge wind and rain. But plenty of snow came in this weekend, enough for a "family"!



City Manager's Corner

by *Tim Dillon, City Manager*

City Manager's Report 10-29-09 to 11-11-09

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Funding Priorities to Legislators
- Husky II Winter Plan adopted
- Personnel issues
- Grant management
- Water/ Sewer
- Fire/EMS communications plan meetings
- Kitchen floor repaired
- DOT Building meetings/negotiations

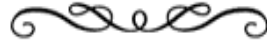
GOALS:

- AML Conference
- Fast Ferry Meetings
- Corp. of Engineers Meetings
- Fire/EMS Pro-Com plan finalized
- Economic Development Training - Chamber
- Holland America Tours
- Wrap up Water/Sewer for the season
- Cannery Property seed money
- AMHS Contract

PRIORITY JUGGLING

- Fire/EMS
- Fast Ferry
- Husky II
- Cannery Property VSW/CRW – Filtration

- Roads – culverts and access
- Seldovia Trails



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