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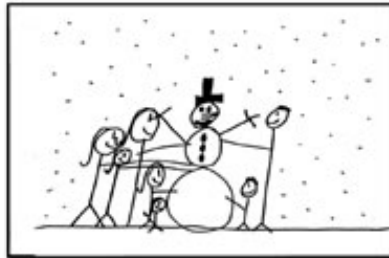
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PLEASE NOTE: Due to the holiday, our next issue of the Gazette will be out December 28th, 2009. Happy Holidays and a VERY Merry Christmas!

THE BEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE THIS HOLIDAY, IS TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN



This picture is by Teagan, a first grade student at Redoubt Elementary.



Happy Holidays from the teachers of the Kenai Peninsula

- Make hot cocoa
- Go sledding together
- Make paper snowflakes
- Go bowling
- Graph high and low temperatures
- Make ice cream using snow
- Measure the snowfall
- Go ice skating together
- Visit your local library and check out books on winter themes
- Draw and color a mural showing a winter scene
- Fill a spray bottle with colored water and write in the snow
- Use sheets or boxes to build a fort inside your house
- Make a bird feeder
- Collect coats from family members and friends and donate to a local charity



Top Stories

Santa's Secret Workshop

Submitted by Laurel Hilts



Marketplace

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Herring Bay Mercantile
Seldovia, AK

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Classifieds

WINTER WATCH
HOME AND BOAT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
CALL PAUL "SONNY" CHISSUS
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Serving your Real Estate Needs
234-8000

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Spotlight

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Boys & Girls Club Announces:

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

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, 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!

Part-time Unit Director Position Available

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

Laurel Hilts
Unit Director



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



\$249k 5 Star home in Seldovia



\$549K Business Opportunity

WebSite Favorites

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



School

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



H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic - 12/15/2009



Seldovia H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic

H1N1 vaccinations are now available!



Tuesday, Dec. 15 11:30 am - 2 pm City multipurpose room Free vaccine is now available for anyone age 6 months and older. Please bring your vaccination records. Children under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 235-8857 for more information.



For more information about H1N1 visit www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov or call 1-888-9PANFLU





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

HEA Offering Money Saving Light bulbs!



Homer Electric Association, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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280 Airport Way, Kenai, AK 99611 (907) 283-5831

PRESS RELEASE
DATE: November 11, 2009

Homer Electric Launches Kick inCan Program

Goal is to distribute 7,000 compact fluorescent bulbs

As part of its ongoing effort to promote energy conservation, Homer Electric Association (HEA) is offering its members a set of five compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in exchange for five incandescent bulbs.

The goal of the "Kick inCan" program is to put 7,000 CFLs into the hands of HEA members between now and the end of the year.

The exchange program will be carried out at several sites around the Kenai Peninsula, including HEA offices in Homer and Kenai.

In addition to the HEA offices, "Kick inCan" exchanges can be done at Salvation Army stores, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Homer Food Pantry, Seldovia Village Tribe, Niniichik Traditional Council, Port Graham Village Council, and Nanwalek IRA Council.

"We have partnered with a number of social service agencies that will be sites for the "Kick inCan" exchange. These groups were selected to insure that the bulbs get into the hands of folks who might benefit the most from the exchange," said HEA Member Relations Manager Sandra Ghormley.

Ghormley said all HEA members are eligible to participate in the exchange, with a limit of five CFLs per member.

"It is a very simple process. All a person has to do is bring their five incandescent bulbs to one of the distribution points. We will collect them in exchange for five new CFLs," said Ghormley.

The "Kick inCan" program is part of an ongoing effort on the part of Homer Electric to provide energy conservation information and tools to its members.

Replacing incandescent bulbs with CFLs can be a major source of savings for a household. A 15-watt CFL bulb uses 75 percent less energy than a 60-watt incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light. Over the life of one CFL bulb, savings can be as much as \$40 or more.

According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program, Americans saved \$1.5 billion by switching over to CFLs in 2007. For more information about CFLs and energy savings, please visit www.energystar.gov.

For additional information, please call HEA Public Relations Coordinator Joe Gallagher at 283-2324.

Archives

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
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- ▶ July 4 Festival
- ▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
- ▶ SBE Graduation - May
- ▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire
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- ▶ 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
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- ▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 2
- ▶ Aleutian's Tasty Trip - July 25 - Part 1
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- ▶ 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



Homer Electric Association Inc., in partnership with the Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT), is pleased to announce:



Kick inCAN

What is it?



A program bringing energy use savings, and environmental benefits, to rural Alaska communities.

How do I participate?

• Just stop by the Environmental Coordinator (Michael Opheim) 's Office at SVT (during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, M-F) with your old incandescent and/or compact fluorescent light (CFL)



bulbs



• You will be traded with new, Spring Light (Energy Star) 14 Watt CFL bulbs (the equivalent of 60 Watt Incandescent light bulbs)



• Limit of five Spring Light bulbs per household

Why should you trade up?

BECAUSE...

• **It's FREE!**



• **It will save you lots of money!!!** Each Energy Star CFL bulb will save you about \$55 dollars on your electric bill over it's lifetime since they use 75% percent less energy than an incandescent bulb.

• CFL bulbs last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

• Less mercury will be put in our community and the environment.

• For each incandescent bulb you replace, you will reduce green house emissions (CO₂) from your household by 667 pounds (over the bulb's lifetime).

SO COME TRADE IN THOSE OLD LIGHTBULBS AND GO GREEN!!!



Need more information?

Please call or e-mail SVT's Environmental Coordinator, Michael Opheim (907-234-7898 ext. 222 or mopheim@svt.org), or Environmental Assistant, Tracie Merrill (907-234-7898 ext. 236 or tmerrill@svt.org) with questions.

Clean Harbor Workgroup Meeting

▶ SBE Basketball -

Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball -

Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball -

Jan.

2005 Archives

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Summer

Gazette Newspaper

▶ Seldovia Summer

Gazette Newspaper

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▶ SBE Halloween

Carnival

Photo Archives

▶ Click here to view all photos from the Gazette over the past years

Classified Rates

▶ Instructions and rate sheet



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Corrections



**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

US Census Is Recruiting In Seldovia (repeat)

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.

Help SBE Students get "Closer" to DC!

Story by Tamara Blodgett

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

Friday, December 18!

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 "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!

News From Susan B. English School



Jr High Basketball AWARDS.....Friday, 12/11 dessert potluck (bring your favorite dessert and share it with your friends). 7:00 in the Otterorium.

Christmas Program is around the corner..... mark your calendar to see a fun filled Christmas Program, Tuesday, 12/15 @ 6:30. Santa will be visiting at the end of the program with his elves helping him hand out Christmas stockings to all the kids.



Christmas Breakfast will be held on December 17th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents, Grandparents are invited to come enjoy breakfast with their children. Kindergarten through 12th grade have planned and made breakfast finger foods for you to come and enjoy.

NO SCHOOL, December 18th, Friday. End of Second Quarter, First Semester. Report Cards will be mailed home when school resumes in January, 2010. January 4th. Monday is the FIRST day of THIRD Quarter, Second Semester. J J J J J

High School Basketball practice: Monday, 12/14 beginning at 3:30. A practice schedule will be sent out next week. Matthew Gain will be teaming up with Nanwalek and Port Graham (Coach Kevin [Auggie]). Their season's first game is on Monday, 12/21 at Nikolaevska @ 4:00. The first girls game will be against CIA, 1/8 and Lumen Christi, 1/9. Check www.edline.com for the schedule.



Christmas Break begins December 18th - January 1st. School resumes on Monday, January 4th

Geography Bee will be held on January 12th @ 2:00, Tuesday.

HOME BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: January 14-15-16th. If you want to beat the winter blues...volunteer to help out at the tournament. We need ticket takers, cooks, book and score keepers.....lots of other things to be done. Being around friends, meeting new people and watching basketball is always a great way to take the winter blues away.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & Happy New Year !!

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Seldovia Volleyball Girls are off to STATE this week, December 10-12th!



Pictured here: Top Row: (L-R) Lily Kroll, Courtney Collier, Sarah Geagel, Mariah Turner, Chelsea Suydam, Coach Ila Dillon 2nd Row: (L-R) Katrina Hecks, Sarah O'Leary, Sirena Turner 3rd Row: Amanda Gain

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES !!! The girls have held the FIRST PLACE TITLE for the SECOND YEAR at Borealis Region II Tournament. Their first game at STATE will be held at 3:45 at Dimond High School against Skagway. If you are in Anchorage and want to watch; please join us!!

Coach Dillon says, "The team had their ups and downs during the season but were able to pull out a #1 seed going into Regions. The Sea Otters played their best in the tournament and came out Region Champions. We're excited heading up to State to see what the next level of play will bring."



Matthew Gain is going to STATE in Wrestling!! He is a senior this year wrestling at 160#. Matthew has been to STATE every year of his high school career. WAY TO GO MATTHEW!! Coach Blodgett and team mate Cameren Blodgett will be leaving for Anchorage on Thursday. The STATE Wrestling Tournament will be held at Bartlett High School.



Lost Dog on Jakolof Bay Road - Please Help!

UPDATE - Akasha Has Been Found - 12/14/2009!
Thanks for everyone's 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!

My black female Malamute, 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 Malamute.

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

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!

Type To Learn

*By Benjamin Botero
1st Grade*

The class does Type To Learn. I type very well. I was on level seventeen. I typed every day. There is a red bar on the right side of the computer. It shows how much more you need to do. Now I am finished. I did all twenty-one levels. I can type very fast.

Seldovia's City Manager Selected by Peers!

The elections were held recently at the Alaska Municipal Management Association Meeting. Our City Manger Tim Dillon was elected as 2nd Vice President of the Association! This is quite an honor to be selected from over 100 active members state-wide. The AMMA is the professional association for appointed administrators serving boroughs and cities throughout Alaska.

The following members were elected as follows: Bill Allen City Manager Palmer- President, John Hozey City Manager Valdez- 1st Vice President and Tim Dillon City Manager Seldovia- 2nd Vice President.

Congratulations Mr. Dillon!

We are so thankful for you!

Does Alaska Have Your Unclaimed Money?

Description taken from the Alaska Department of Revenue - Treasury Division

Have you ever wondered what happens to bank accounts that are never closed but have been inactive for several years? Have you ever wondered if you picked up the utility deposit from your first apartment? Did you receive your last pay check from your summer job in 1990? Can you positively state that you have received and cashed all medical insurance reimbursements throughout the years? If these questions make you wonder, read on to find out if you have unclaimed property somewhere in the United States.

Alaska's Unclaimed Property Act (AS 34.45) requires businesses (profit and non-profit) and governmental agencies to file unclaimed property reports with the Department of Revenue. However, a negative or zero report is not required in Alaska if a business or governmental agency has no unclaimed property.

Unclaimed property is any intangible amount owed or held by an organization that remains unpaid, uncashed or has no evidence of positive owner activity for an extended period of time. Most property is considered abandoned after three years.

Unclaimed property does not include overpaid contributions by employers to the unemployment compensation fund (hover over Unclaimed Property Tab at the top of the page for assistance), real estate, vehicles or most tangible property. Contents of a safe deposit box is the only tangible property that is reportable.

Unclaimed property includes:

- * Bank accounts
- * Uncashed checks such as payroll, insurance payments or travelers checks;
- * Utility and/or phone company deposits
- * Safe deposit box contents
- * Insurance proceeds
- * Stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- * Gift Certificates and Gift Cards

Abandoned property is turned over to the Department of Revenue from many sources including banks, credit unions, corporations, utilities, insurance companies, governmental entities and retailers throughout the United States.

The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators' (NAUPA) web site contains information about each state's unclaimed property laws as well as a listing of states that have searchable databases. Unclaimed Property Tab at the top of the page.

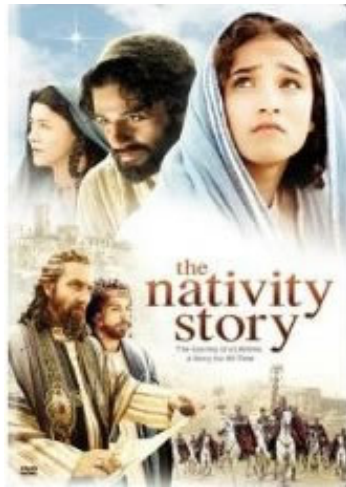
To find out if you have unclaimed property on file with the Department of

Revenue, use the missingmoney.com database. Don't forget to click the Unclaimed Property Tab at the top of the page to check other states unclaimed property databases.

Please Click Here to view the list!

Movie Review - The Nativity Story

by Jonathan Hoard



The Nativity Story is among other things the story of two kings. One, suspicious, proud and ruthless who exalts himself at the expense of his subjects and the other, humble and kind, that would give himself to liberate all who are in bondage.

This movie is the most recent in a long line of movies made to retell the story of Christ's birth. As movies go, it is beautiful to watch. The filming was well done with the scenery dramatic at times and beautiful at others. The director goes to great lengths to give the viewer a glimpse into what life in first century Israel may have been like. In doing so this film forgoes a lot of the glamour and brightness of other versions that have gone before.

The story methodically follows the Biblical text most of the way through the movie but the writer has also woven a very human story of fear, love and expectation into the film. The acting seems to be done in such a way as to avoid the "over acting" often seen in such dramatic stories and therefore sometimes comes across as a little too subdued especially in the part of Mary. Overall the movie is well made and keeps the viewer interested all the way through.

One question many may ask is, "why do we need another retelling of this story?" From a movie stand point, this film is different enough from others to still be entertaining. I think there is an even bigger question though. Why does this story keep showing up? Is it merely sentiment or religious ritual that keeps this story alive? Or is it that this story is more than a story. And therefore it is not we who give it life but the truth of this story that gives us life.

Whether you are a shepherd or Magi this movie will touch your heart. Merry Christmas.

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

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

A message every adult should read because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher, friend) influences the life of a child. How will you touch the life of someone today? Just by sharing this with someone else, you will probably make them at least think about their influence on others.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Boys And Girls Club December Calendar




The Seldovia Boys & Girls Club
Serving our community's children since 1968

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Teen Gym 7-9 p.m.	2 Craft Time 3-5 p.m.	3 Movie Day! 3:30 p.m.	4 SVT Teen Night 9-12	5
7 Pottery 3:30-5:30 p.m.	8 Teen Gym 7-9 p.m.	9 Craft Time 3-5 p.m.	10 Movie Day! 3:30 p.m.	11 SVT Teen Night 9-12	12
14 Pottery 3:30-5:30 p.m.	15 Teen Gym 7-9 p.m.	16 Craft Time 3-5 p.m.	17 Movie Day! 3:30 p.m.	 Santa's Secret Shop! Opens at 3:00 to kids, 4:30 to adults!	Friday!!!
Club CLOSED for Christmas Break				25 	26
28	29	30	31	HOURS Clubhouse: Mondays - Fridays 3-8 p.m. Pottery: Mondays 3:30-5:30 p.m.	*TEEN Activities: Tues. Open Gym 7-9 p.m. Fri. SVT's Teen Night 8:00-midnight *TEEN = students 7th through 12th grade

CLOSED
SUNDAY



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Phone # 907-234-7577 * Fax # 907-234-2004 Email Address: lhills@positiveplaceforkids.com

The Bookworm



Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson

Reviewed by Tamara Blodgett

This is the gut-wrenching, eyewitness account of Operation Redwing and Lost Heroes of Seal Team Ten. In 2005, Luttrell survived a brutal operation in which three of his teammates were lost during battle and eight additional servicemen died when their helicopter was shot down by the Taliban in a failed rescue attempt.

When sent on a mission to capture an Al-Qaeda leader, the team finds themselves in a dangerous, last-stand type of battle, with the subsequent

capture and ultimate hiding and safeguarding of Luttrell, he finds there is decency in strange places and also great treachery.

One doesn't have to be Democratic or Republican to appreciate courage as seen in this rare account of battlefield bravery. To say that Luttrell is patriotic and does the right thing even when to do so is against all (personal) safety, is an understatement. The accounting of these men's bravery [alone] is worth reading the book. It is unfathomable courage and was so vividly written as to have felt like one was watching the story unfold in all its honorific glory.

Perfect read for people who wish to know more about what our servicemen sacrifice for our freedoms and country; additionally [great] reading for the non-fiction and war/military genre fans. This work would be a perfect resource material for senior high students.



5/5 Stars

Genre: Non-Fiction (Self-account)

Sub-genre: Government shadowing, espionage, intrigue & war

Age: Teen+

Elements: (extreme)

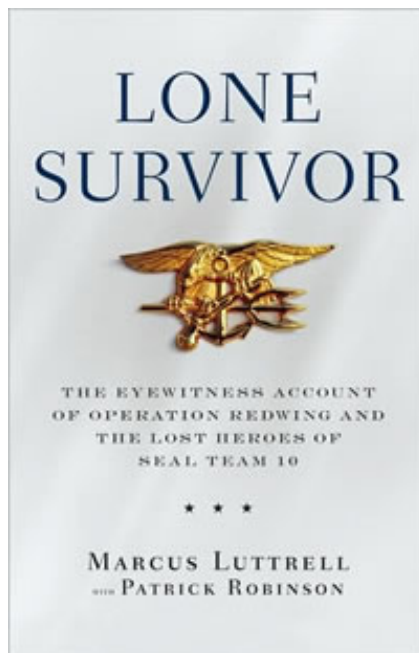
Human Peril, Prisoner-of-

War elements, Torture,

Battle sequences,

Violence throughout and

some Profanity



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

Seldovia City Council Meeting - 12/09/09

The Seldovia City Council convened together with the following members present: Walter McInnes, Steve Pollack, John Colberg and Gerry Patrick. 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

City Manager Tim Dillon reported that we are right on track with our budget and all is well!

Proclamations - none

Ordinance Introductions - none

Public Presentation Prior Notice - none

Public Presentation For Items Not On The Agenda - none

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. Mr. Dillon wanted to express thanks to the community and to those who have noticed the alarm in the past and contacted the appropriate authorities on two separate occasions already. As a reminder, if you ever see the light going off, please call SOS Dispatch directly at 399-3992.

Fish & Game: Keith Gain announced that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7pm here in the Multi-purpose room.

Old Business

Appointment of Council Member to Fill Vacancy Until Next Election

There were two letters of interest for the council seat received by the city. City Mayor recommended one of those individuals, Robert Purpura. Council moved to go into executive session to discuss the seat appointment. When the executive session was ended, the council moved to accept Mr. Gain's recommendation to appoint Mr. Purpura to the vacant seat.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Mr. Purpura was sworn in and took his seat with the council.

Old Lollipop Park Site Plans

The City Manager explained that there was a request by DOT to make the final ruling on the site in a timely manner as this lot borders the state highway and the issue needs to be resolved.

There were 6 individuals in the audience who spoke in favor of this area being designated as a city park. It was brought before council from several citizens that there have been many public hearings in regards to this matter, and there have always been unanimous support for the area to be a "community park" and not additional parking space. From the business group, represented by the Chamber of Commerce to the Planning and Zoning

Commission.

There was one councilman who objected to the idea of that area being allocated as a community park. However, with all the thoughts and opinions on the table, a motion was made to designate Waterfront Resub 2 Lot 6 Block 7 (the area next to the Crabpot Grocery store) as a community Park - and that it will be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee to design and implement the plan.

Action: Approved, 4 to 1

New Business

Request for 50 Additional Hours for Police Clerk

Mr. Dillon reported that the clerk has done an exceptional job and that the paperwork and administrative support needed to be current is almost complete. He felt that this additional 50 hours are necessary in order to continue the work.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Liquor License for Seldovia Liquor Store, Main Street Market.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Land Bid for City Lot, Waterfront Resub Lot 5 Block 7

Bid was reviewed, and due to the fact that the bid offer is subject to the new borough assessment - due in 2010, the city council agreed to reject this bid and will consider it again when the 2010 assessed value of the lot is announced.

Action: Bid Rejected Unanimously

PWSRCAC Report and Request for Resolution, Steve Lewis

Action: No Action Necessary At This Time

Use of Gangway from the Harbor Improvement Project

There have been two individuals who have shown an interest in the Gangway. One of those who had expressed interest at the last council meeting was in attendance. Sue Christiansen would like to place the bridge over Windy River to gain access to her property as well as provide safe access for those hiking, biking or camping in that area. She reiterated that she had the support of DOT and that George Oliveira had offered to donate his time and DOT had offered to donate the equipment necessary to perform the job of placing the gangway at Windy River. She also mentioned that she had a verbal approval from DNR who owns the land where the easement exists.

There were 4 other individuals who showed support for her idea and could see the benefit to the community. There was a concern that any liability

issues in regards to the city's sale or donation of the gangway be considered in the offering of the ramp. Since there are two people interested in the gangway, the council decided to table the request until Mr. Dillon discovers the actual value and makes a recommendation about the minimum bid amount - should they move to put the ramp up for sale.

Action: No Action Necessary At This Time

Land Designation for the Gateway Project, Request from the Waterfront Area Workgroup

The council agreed to address this item in a workshop with Planning and Zoning to allow the public's input.

Action: Approved Unanimously

Seldovia Village Tribe Request to Build a Floating Dock, Pier and Gangway

The Seldovia Village Tribe has submitted their application to the Army Corps of Engineers for the dock, pier and gangway to accommodate the new vessel "The Kachemak Voyager". [You may download the application here.](#) There was no need for action at this time, but merely giving the community notice of the application as requested by the Army Corps of Engineers. This is the first phase in the process to gain authorization to build within the waterways of Seldovia Bay. Once SVT has approval from the Army Corps of Engineers, then they may seek the building permit through the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

Action: No Action Necessary At This Time

Water Treatment Plant

The work session that was scheduled prior to the council meeting this evening was cancelled since the two individuals that were coming down for the workshop were unable to travel to Seldovia due to weather. This work session will be rescheduled for a later date.

Action: No Action Necessary At This Time

[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 - January 13, 2010

News from Alaska's Senator Begich



E-NEWSLETTER

December 7, 2009

Working Weekends

The health reform debate has us on the clock seven days a week right now as we work to find the best solutions to bring quality, affordable health care to Alaskans and all Americans. We worked this past weekend, and it looks like we'll stay in session through the upcoming weekend. Clearly this is an important issue, and I'm pleased to see Congress giving it so much time and attention to get it right.

Today, I participated in a news conference with Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Sen. Jeff Merkley, along with the President of the Consumers Union. We were joined by a woman from Pennsylvania who lost her brother after he was denied health care coverage. We spoke about the need to end insurance industry abuses that have denied coverage to hard working Americans when they need it most. Tuesday, I will join a group of freshmen Democratic senators in announcing our package of amendments focused on cost containment.

I also remain focused on the war in Afghanistan and supporting the President's decision to send more troops. With 4,000 Alaska-based troops in the region, our state has a lot at stake. We have to eliminate the threat of al-Qaida, and the President has laid out a comprehensive plan that calls on the contributions of other nations while restoring the confidence of the Afghan people in their government. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I'll do everything within my power to make sure they have the resources, equipment and right strategy they need to get the job done.

Sincerely,


Senator Mark Begich

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 \$3,000.

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.](#)

C. Joy Journey, Executive Director - Alaska Air Carriers Association

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Visit www.alaskaaircarriers.org for more information

➔ 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 AACA Service Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 12, 2009

The Alaska Air Carriers Association is actively seeking nominations for the AACA 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 AACA 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

Kathie Anderson
Marketing Director
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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 Iltarod 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.

 ***HINI Parent Letter - Community Awareness***



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 North Birley Street
Phone: (907) 714-8888

Seldovia, 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 235-8837, Seward Public Health at 224-5567, your child's school nurse, or KPBSD's Health Services Coordinator at 283-2190 or nw@wrh@kpsd.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



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.



Tidbits . . .

Seldovia's Slough side homes in the beginnings of winter!



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

City Manager's Report 11-12-09 to 12-09-09

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

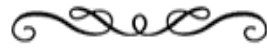
- AML Conference- Vice President City Manager's Association
- Corp. of Engineers Meetings
- Fire/EMS Repeater Plan finalized
- Water/Sewer wrapped up
- Fast ferry meeting
- Personnel issues
- Senior Meals – Supplies, freezer, equipment

GOALS:

- Cannery Property seed money
- AMHS Contract
- Lift Station Pump funding
- Clean Harbor Meeting kick off
- Repeater PO issued
- Fast ferry follow up
- Corp. of Engineers follow up
- Quiet Christmas Vacation

PRIORITY JUGGLING:

- Fire/EMS
- Legislative funding
- Husky II
- Cannery Property
- VSW/CRW – Filtration Plant
- Roads – culverts and access
- Seldovia Trails



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