



# Seldovia Gazette

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## Stories Of The Day

Posted Monday, November 22, 2010

### High School Volleyball Girls Take on The Dads - TONIGHT!

by *Sandy Geagel*

NEXT Booster Club meeting is on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday....  
DATE CHANGED to the first Thursday of every month.



## High School Volleyball

**Girls -vs- Dad's**  
**Monday, 11/22 @ 7:00**  
**NO ENTRANCE CHARGE!!!**

*Concession Stand will be OPEN!*



**Rootbeer Floats, Nachos, Cookies & World's Finest Chocolate Bars**



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by *Laurel Hiltz*

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Opinions

# Join us for The Day After Thanksgiving Activities!



2:00-4:00pm Wii Just Dance 2 in the Lunchroom!

7:00-9:00pm Open Gym/Swim

9:00-Midnight Teen Night at the B&G! Food, Games and Rockband!



Call 435-3249 for more Info.

Posted Tuesday, November 16, 2010

## The Undefeated Boys Basketball Team Heads to Soldotna

by Jenny Chissus



▶ Letters to the Editor  
-None this issue

### Spotlight

▶ The "Deadliest Catch"  
Comes to Seldovia



### School

▶ Susan B English  
School



### Notices & Newsletters

This weekend our undefeated boys basketball team is heading off to our Smalls School Tournament @ CIA in Soldotna. We would love to see you there - stop by and support our team - they've had an amazing season, and this will be a fantastic tournament!

The team this year: Coach Scott Haller and Assistant Coach Mark Janes. 8th graders: Nathan Suydam, Levi Blodgett, Devin Chissus & Chance Haller. Our 7th graders: Aidan Philpot, Dylan Waterbury, Calem Collier, Darrel Wheeler & Timothy Haller.

You may have caught the video of Coach Scott Haller getting a mohawk trim on the front page of [Seldovia.com](http://Seldovia.com). Early in the season, the team was promised they could give their coach a mohawk if they remained undefeated! They are 10 and 0, and so on Monday, before practice, the boys followed through and Coach Haller now sports a stylish mohawk! As you could tell from the video, the guys sure had fun with that!

Unfortunately our girls team won't be playing at the tournament this year, as there are only 5 members on the team and one of the girls is away with family this weekend. All 5 of the girls did a great job this year as well, with only 5 players, they all had to play the entire game - every game! They amazed me with their great attitude and awesome stamina! They will certainly be a force to reckon with next year!

## Schedule for the Small Schools Tournament CIA - Soldotna

Thursday, November 18

1:00 pm Boys Game 1 CIA - Nikolaevsk

2:45 pm Girls Game 1 Ninilchik - Chapman

4:30 pm Boys Game 2 Chapman - Ninilchik

6:15 pm Girls Game 2 ABC - CIA

8:00 pm Boys Game 3 ABC - Nikiski

Friday, November 19

11:00 am Boys Game 4 Seldovia - Winner Game 1

12:45 pm Boys Game 5 Winners Game 2 & 3

2:30 pm Girls Game 3 Nikolaevsk - Winner Game 1

4:15 pm Girls Game 5 Loser Game 1 & 2

6:00 pm Boys Game 7 Loser Game 1 & 2

7:45 pm Boys Game 8 Loser Game 3 & 4

Saturday, November 20

9:00 am Boys Game 9 Winner Game 7 & 8

10:45 am Girls Game 6 3rd Place Winner Game 5 Loser 3

12:30 pm Boys Game 10 3rd Place Winner Game 9 - Loser 5

2:15 pm Girls Game 4 Championship Winner Games 2 & 3

### Senior Meals

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in Seldovia's MultiPurpose Room.

Seniors 60 and over and spouses any age qualify, as well as, disabled persons and their caregivers. Suggested donation \$4

Guests (under 60) \$9



#### Seldovia Boat Slips for Rent

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

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

### Archives

#### 2010 Archives

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- ▶ Seldovia Walking Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
- ▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2009

#### 2009 Archives

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- ▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2009

#### 2008 Archives

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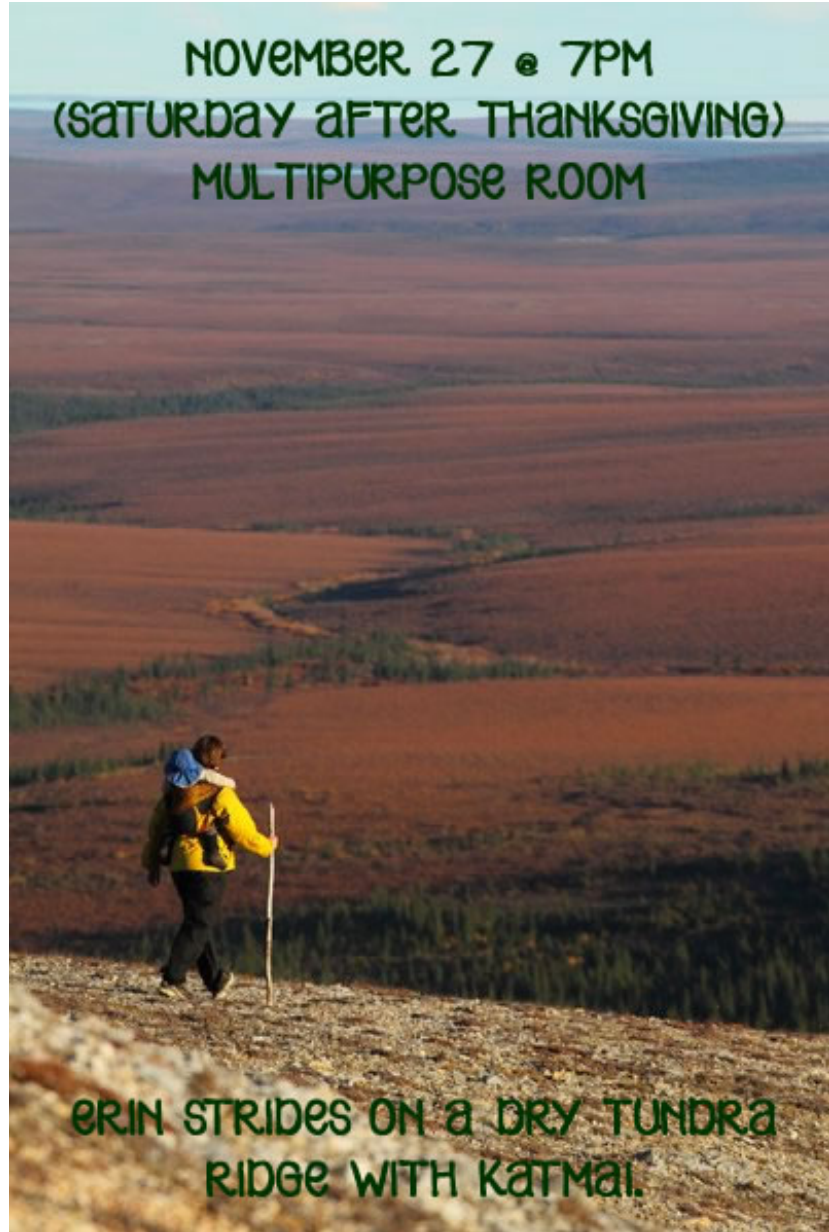
# good LUCK OTTERS!

Posted Tuesday, November 16, 2010

## The Chukchi Sea at Toddler Speed - Slide Lecture

by Seldovia Library

The library is pleased to sponsor a free post-Thanksgiving slide lecture by Seldovia's youngest wilderness exploring team: the Higman family.



Cliffs covered with thousands of screaming birds... Toddler rainpants blowing into the Chukchi Sea... Eroding coastlines, wandering bears, dead whales, friendly villagers, berry feasts, and more. Relax after feasting, and come hear the stories!

Visit the [journey webpage](#) and then join Erin, Hig, and Katmai for a slideshow of their summer's adventures.

- ▶ Seldovia Walking Map - 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 Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf
- ▶ Seldovia Summer Visitor Newspaper 2007

**2007 Photo Stories**

- ▶ Christmas Play
- ▶ Halloween Carnival
- ▶ July 4 Festival
- ▶ Craft Invitational Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
- ▶ SBE Graduation - May
- ▶ Seldovia Lodge Fire
- ▶ SBE Prom - "Casino Royale 007"
- ▶ SBE Last Home
- Basketball Game of the Season

**2006 Archives**

- ▶ Archive of all pages

Posted Sunday, November 14, 2010

# The Haunting of Hag's Nook

by Tracy Philpot



Michel Bieri completing preparations for the haunting.

## A HAG'S NOOK HALLOW'S EVE



Greeter at the door

Hag's Nook is kind of scary in the daytime, so I couldn't begin to fathom what it would look like all weirded out. When I went to help decorate on the Thursday before Halloween, I was uneasy, to say the least. The smell of diesel, those ubiquitous blue tarps, a behemoth of an angry woodstove, propane tanks and chains and electrical cords connecting up who knows what...and the grande dames of Seldovia, the self-named Bag Ladies—well, what's not to be afraid of?



I think this couple is fake.

▶ Seldovia Walking

Map - 8-1/2 x 11 pdf

▶ Seldovia Summer

Visitor Newspaper  
2006

**2006 Photo Stories**

▶ SBE Play -  
December

▶ Halloween Carnival

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

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

▶ Aleutian's Tusty  
Trip - July 25 - Part 1

▶ July 4 Festival

▶ Summer Solstice  
Music Festival - June

▶ CofC Chainsaw  
Carving Contest -  
May

▶ SBE Graduation -  
May

▶ SBE Spring Concert  
- May

▶ SBE School Play -  
May

▶ SBE Science Fair -  
May

▶ Prom - May

▶ SBE Basketball -  
Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball -  
Feb.

▶ SBE Basketball -  
Jan.

**2005 Archives**

▶ Archive of all pages

▶ Seldovia Summer

Gazette Newspaper

▶ Seldovia Summer

Gazette Newspaper  
2004

**2005 Photo Stories**

▶ SBE Christmas Play

First I have to say how cool it was that a few of the Bag Ladies-- Rita, Susan, and Liza--asked Mark and me to help out at the haunted house at Hag's Nook. After 15 years in Seldovia, I felt like we had finally arrived! We helped set up our twisted doctor's office section of the haunted house, but Los Scary Ones, the gals, were really the stars. They had done this so many other times that they had it all down. They have some dark imaginations--they can make even dolls and surgical gloves scary! I remembered going into that spook house when Aidan was an infant. That was a mistake, but a memorable one. I screamed the whole way through and, with me yelling in his face, so did Aidan. Poor kid.



Michel's skulls and pelts



This is Rita and the stuffed wolf.



Freaky Rita in the dark alley.



"They have some dark imaginations-- they can make even dolls and surgical gloves scary!"

That's how I felt seeing Bo Miller scream at me while I was being cut up by Mark. There I was, freaking out again, only this time it wasn't my own kid screaming at me, it was all those other crying kids. Poor. Not surprisingly, quite a few kids (and some adults) turned away before coming in. The smarter scaredy-cats ran around back to collect their goodie bags, even though they wouldn't enter.

This year's helpers included Matt Gallien, Krystal Waterbury, Brian Slover, Sue Burnett, Rita Brown, Jack and Susan Thomas, Liza and Michel Bieri, Erech Brush, Mark Janes, and me.

▶ [SBE Halloween Carnival](#)

**Photo Archives**

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- ▶ [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](#)



The unwilling patient

It was all just so random and eerie and you couldn't tell what was real or who was following you or why any of these people had such bizarre items in the first place. I have to say that all the pelts and skins that Michel Bieri brought disturbed me, especially when Rita and I had to stuff one with sticks from the yard. A beautiful dead wolf. I'm probably going to hell for that. Dead babies upside down in car seats, bear skulls, Jack Thomas's air horn, and someone chasing you with a chain saw—no wonder it was the perfect place for a haunted house. I hope they ask me to help next year!

Posted Sunday, November 14, 2010

**Craft Sale - Get Ready For Christmas Giving!**

by *Roxi Patrick*

**Craft Sale**  
**Saturday Nov 20th**  
**Library Multi Purpose Room**

More Info: Call Sandee 234-7465

From:  
**11 to 3**

Posted Sunday, November 14, 2010

**Community Bingo Night!**

by *Trinket Gallien*

▶ Spider Walk

▶ Inauguration  
Gigapan Photo

# Community \*BINGO\*

Saturday Nov. 20, 2010

7pm

Seldovia Conference Center

53 Number Black Out worth \$80

Refreshments & desserts too

Everyone 19 and older WELCOME!

**\$.50 per card**

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Posted Thursday, November 11, 2010

## Celebrating Seldovia's Veterans

by Sunni Hilts

# Veterans Day

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  
John John Colberg  
Lou Collier  
Curtis Dickson  
Mike Driscoll  
Joe Fleckenstein  
Bruce Flint  
Shad Haller  
Jim Hecks  
Pierre Int-Hout  
Tom Keesecker  
Manfred Kirchner  
Doug Latimer  
Carl Lindstedt, Jr  
Mike Miller  
George Nathan  
Bruce Nordenson  
Mavis Owens  
Manny Puerta  
Bob Rafferty  
Bill Roley  
Mark Rowland  
Rob Rurka  
Keith Seville, Sr  
Jim Shirley  
Brian Slover  
Jerry R. Swanson  
Ken Swick Sr.  
Jack Thomas  
Ron Turner  
Leon Wallin

Mike Webber

Pete Wilbur

Dick Wyland



Those we have lost recently but remember with heartfelt thanks:

Tuggle Int-Hout

Eric Nordenson

Gerry Willard

Thank you to all those who helped put together this list of those in our community who have served our country faithfully in the military. If you know of someone that we missed, please [email the Gazette](#) as we want to honor all those who have served.

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Posted Wednesday, November 10, 2010

## **Thanksgiving Craft With Tiffany**

*by Tiffany Haller*

Join Tiffany for this month's Paper Crafting Class on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will be making a "Thankful Banner" to hang up for your Holiday Celebrations. There is no charge for the class, and all your supplies will be provided.



Sponsored by the Seldovia Village Tribe Prevention Program

Space is limited, call Tiffany to sign up, 435-3249

Posted Wednesday, November 10, 2010

## Alaska Nurse Practitioner Week

by Alyssa Caracciolo



[www.svthc.org](http://www.svthc.org)

The SVT Health Center provides comprehensive medical and dental care to all patients in the communities of Seldovia, Homer and Anchor Point. Discounts are available to all patients who qualify, based on income and family size.

Recently Alaska Governor Sean Parnell proclaimed November 8-14 as "Alaska Nurse Practitioner Week in Alaska and encourage Alaskans to recognize the many contributions that this dedicated group of health care professionals makes to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve."

There are more than 650 licensed Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Alaska, providing high-quality, personalized health care. They are licensed Registered Nurses with a minimum of a Master's degree and additional advanced clinical experience (including prescriptive authority). NPs diagnose and treat a wide range of health problems and provide a full range of health services, from treating illness to encouraging and advising patients on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Besides clinical care, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling. They are considered your partners in health.

NPs practice in bush, rural and urban communities and in many types of settings. In Homer you will find Nurse Practitioners providing health care services in medical clinics, hospital setting, Native clinics and villages, mental health, schools, college educators, naturopathic care and more! We would like to recognize the following local Nurse Practitioners for their contributions to health care for our communities (we apologize if we inadvertently omitted any one):

Elizabeth (Betsie) Brenmand, Melissa Bunker, Gayle Claus, Ella May Cooper-Waldron, Donna Fenske, Kate Finn, Sharon Gorman, Mary Lou Kelsey, Carol Klamser, Sonja Martin-Young, Julie McCarron, Beckie Noble, Gail Radcliffe, Stephanie Silianoff, Mary Ann Wilson, Irene Wise, Carrie Warren and Lori Zitzman.

Martin-Young, Julie McCarron, Beckie Noble, Gail Radcliffe, Stephanie Silianoff,  
Mary Ann Wilson, Irene Wise, Carrie Warren and Lori Zitzman.

Thank you for joining in to recognize these health professionals among us.

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Posted Monday, November 8, 2010

## **An Internationally Known Inspirational Band Offers Free Concert to Seldovians!**

*by Laurel Hilts*

"Broken Walls" will be coming to Seldovia this weekend for a free concert on Saturday night. This international performing group comes to town to share a traditional and contemporary blend of Native American Music and Dance, along with workshops and powerful messages and stories that promote healthy lifestyles and unity. (see [www.brokenwalls.com](http://www.brokenwalls.com))

"Broken Walls" members include Bill Pagaran\*, a Tlingit from Palmer, Alaska (drums, percussion, big drum and vocals), Jonathan Maracle, a Mohawk of Tyendinaga Territory, Ontario, Canada (guitar, wind flute, big drum and lead vocals), and Kris Delorenzi from Thunder Bay, Ontario (bass, vocals and big drum).

The concert starts on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Susan B. English School Commons. Also, earlier on Saturday afternoon, community members can participate in a special free workshop session from 1-3 p.m. with the performers. Participants will meet the band in the Commons before breaking in to separate sessions.

\*Bill Pagaran returns to Seldovia after a recent visit to town in September with his organization "Carry the Cure." He is dedicated to reaching out to the youth of our town and is committed to returning to Seldovia often. We are pleased to have him back so soon.

We hope to see you at the workshops and the concert on Saturday. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Laurel Hilts a call at 435-3252.



*Date: Saturday, November 13th*

*Time: Workshops 1-3 p.m., Free Concert 7 p.m.*

*Location: Susan B. English School Commons*

*Contact: Laurel Hilts, Seldovia Village Tribe  
435-3252*



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Posted Sunday, November 7, 2010

## **The "Deadliest Catch" Comes to Seldovia**

*by Laurel Hilts*

An owl, a bowl of spaghetti, a whoopie cushion, a flapper, a clown, Garfield and a ninja...where could you find all of these in one room? At Seldovia's Annual Halloween Carnival!

This year the organizers at the Seldovia Village Tribe decided to have a theme, in hopes of drumming up more excitement and enthusiasm for this year's carnival. And that it did. As folks entered the school, they were greeted by buoys, nets, seaweed, and sounds of an ocean storm. That is because they had arrived at the "Deadliest Catch Halloween Carnival."

First was dinner in the "Deadliest Catch Galley," featuring Starboard and Portside Meat and Pesto Lasagnas, and other delicious food, all prepared by staff members of the SVT Health Center from Homer and Seldovia. Anyone who came dressed in full costume got \$6 knocked off the price of their dinner, and everyone had a chance to win fun door prizes as the meal went on. Proceeds from the dinner go to benefit the Health Center's Compassionate Care programs in Seldovia, Homer and Anchor Point (helping pay medical bills for people who are in financial need).



[Click here for Photo Gallery of the event](#)

Click [here](#) to read the entire story in the [Gazette Spotlight](#).


Posted Sunday, October 7, 2010

## So Begins the Challenges of Winter...

by Joe Gallagher



## Homer Electric Association, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**Thursday, November 11, 5:12pm:** All done. Off generation and Seldovia is back to normal power.

**Thursday, November 11, 11:51am:** HEA crews were able to restore power to residents along Jakolof Bay Road in Seldovia at 11:30 on Thursday morning. The outage in the area began Wednesday evening at 10:30.

The Gerry Willard Generation Plant is currently providing power to Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seldovia and out to the end of Jakolof Bay Road.

The area between Tutka Bay and McKeon Flats remains without power as of noon on Thursday. HEA crews are currently working in the Tutka Bay area repairing three spans of power line that have been damaged due to falling, snow-laden trees.

The crew hopes to finish the repairs by the end of the day and put the South Kachemak Bay region back on central station power.

**Thursday, November 11, 6:17am:** Power is out along Jakolof Bay Road in Seldovia. The outage extends from Jakolof Bay Road to McKeon Flats. The outage on Jakolof Bay Road began at 10:30 Wednesday night. HEA crews will head over to Seldovia this morning to make repairs. Also on Wednesday evening, power went out at 8:30 for about 400 residents on the North Fork Road and from Blackwater Bend to Anchor Point. The North Fork outage was back on line at 11:30 and crews restored

power to the Blackwater Bend area at 12:55 Thursday morning. In the central Peninsula, HEA crews completed all outage restoration work early Thursday morning.

**Wednesday, November 10, 10:40am:** Homer Electric crews have restored power to the Beaver Creek – Soldotna area that experienced an outage this morning. The power went out at 5:30 a.m. when a tree fell into the power line near Big Eddy Road in Soldotna. The incident knocked out power to approximately 1,270 HEA members. HEA crews were able to remove the tree off the line and make repairs, restoring electric service at 8:17 a.m.

Currently, strong winds and heavy snow load are the cause of 21 separate outages in the central Peninsula area this morning. The areas include Kasilof, Funny River Road, North Kenai (Holt-Lamplight neighborhood and Bernice Lake) and Lakeside Avenue near Echo Lake Road.

HEA has been running the Gerry Willard emergency generator in Seldovia since Nov. 6 and it is supplying power to the Seldovia, Port Graham and Nanwalek area. The generator is able to provide power out to Tutka Bay. From Tutka Bay to McKeon Flats there is no power. This is due to the fact that there are three spans of wire down on the ground in the Little Tutka Bay area. HEA crews face a very difficult job in getting this repaired due to the extent of the damage and the weather conditions. They will be working there today and we expect it will take at least until Thursday before repairs can be completed.

HEA wants to remind members that have a power outage to please call the outage hotline at 1-888-80OUTAGE (1-888-868-8243) to report the outage.

Please remember to stay away from any downed power lines. The lines are very dangerous and can cause serious injury or death. If you see a downed line, leave the area and call Homer Electric.

**Tuesday, November 9, 4:01 pm:** Seldovia is currently on generation and the areas between Tutka Bay and McKeon Flats are still without power.

**Tuesday, November 9, 6:50 am:** The Jakolof Bay Road area lost power this morning around 6:30. The area has experienced heavy snow load and the situation is creating problems and preventing the area from being served by the Gerry Willard Generation Plant. HEA crews will be in Seldovia this morning to make repairs.

**Monday, November 8, 4:00 p.m., HEA Crews Continue Restoration Efforts:** Homer Electric crews are spread out across the central Kenai Peninsula this afternoon responding to power outages caused by heavy snow.

The majority of the outages continue to be located in the Kasilof area where heavy snow has brought numerous trees into contact with power lines. Several of the trees have toppled over into the power line, taking the line to the ground. HEA crews are tasked with the difficult job of removing the trees off the power line and then re-hanging the wire.

The conditions being reported by HEA crews in the Kasilof area indicate that additional outages can be expected due to the amount of wet, heavy snow that has accumulated on power lines and trees near the lines.

In addition to outages in the Kasilof area, power is also out in several other locations as of Monday afternoon including Tower Hills subdivision in Soldotna, Strawberry Road off of the Kenai Spur Highway, the area around the Kenai Wildlife Refuge headquarters in Soldotna, Murray Lane in Sterling, and Cabin Lake in North Kenai.

As of 3:30, it is estimated that there are 20 separate outages around the HEA service territory.

Due to the number of existing outages and the continuing occurrence of new incidents, it is likely Homer Electric crews will not be able to complete all its restoration work today.

On the south end of the peninsula, the area between Tutka Bay and McKeon Flats remains without power. HEA crews have found 3 spans of wire down on the ground and are on site at this time.

If you are without power at this time, please make sure to call HEA's outage reporting hotline at 1-888-8OUTAGE.

And please remember to stay away from any down power lines. The lines are very dangerous and any contact with the line can cause serious injury or death. If you see a downed power line, please leave the area and call Homer Electric.

**Update Sunday 7:30pm:** Power back on for folks along Jakolof bay Road. Still out from Tutka Bay to McKeon Flats. Gerry Willard generation plant currently providing power to the area.

Homer Electric crews have had a very busy weekend working several scattered outages due to the heavy, wet snowfall that has hit the Kenai Peninsula over the last 36 hours.

As of 3:15p.m. Sunday, November 7th, the largest outage is in Kasilof between Reflection Lake Road on Sterling Highway south to the K-Beach and Sterling Highway intersection. There are several downed trees along the road and HEA crews are in the area to clear those downed trees.

Other outage areas include the Seldovia area from the city of Seldovia to Jakalof Bay Road to McKeon Flats. Homer Electric crews are in Seldovia patrolling the line to assess and restore power.

Snow continues to cause several outages in HEA's service territory. Thank you for your patience during this time and please remember to protect your sensitive electronic equipment.

If you do not have power at your home, please make sure to call in to HEA's outage reporting line at 1-888-8OUTAGE or 1-888-868-8243.

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Posted Saturday, October 6, 2010

## **Chamber of Commerce Meeting - Monday**

*by Darlene Crawford*

**Chamber of Commerce  
Regular Meeting -  
Next Monday  
12:15 - November 8<sup>th</sup>  
At Keesecker's on Main St.**

**Sheryl Hingley- guest speaker  
Chili & Cornbread for lunch  
Chef - Monty Hingley,  
Report on Pavilion Project,  
Tim Dillon, Contractor**

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Posted Thursday, October 4, 2010

**[Community Bingo Night - This Saturday](#)**

*by Trinket Gallien*

# Community \*BINGO\*

Saturday Nov. 6, 2010

7pm-9pm

Seldovia Conference Center

\$\$\$ CASH Prizes\$\$\$

Drinks & Desserts

Everyone 19 and older WELCOME!

**\$1.00 per card**

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Posted Thursday, October 4, 2010

**SVT's November Calendar**

*by Laurel Hiltz*

# November 2010

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2 Playgroup Hike 1-3 pm Open Swim 3:15 -5 pm Teen Gym 7-9 pm	3 Family Cooking Class - Granola 3:15-5 pm	4 Playgroup Arts & Crafts 1:30-3 pm Arts & Crafts - Pastels 3:15-5 pm	5 Open Gym & Swim 7-9 pm No Teen Night	6	
7	8 Movie Time 3:15-5 p.m.	9 Playgroup Hike 1-3 pm Open Swim 3:15 -5 pm Teen Gym 7-9 pm	10 Family Cooking Class - Belgnets & Hot Cocoa 3:15-5 pm	11 VETERAN'S DAY No Prevention Program Activities	12 Open Gym & Swim 7-9 pm Teen Night 9-midnight	13 Community Music Workshops 1-3 p.m. Broken Walls Concert! 7-9 p.m.
14	15 Movie Time 3:15-5 p.m. Thanksgiving Card-Making Class 6-8 p.m.	16 Playgroup Hike 1-3 pm Open Swim 3:15 -5 pm Teen Gym 7-9 pm	17 Family Cooking Class - Pizza Pinwheels 3:15 -5 pm	18 Playgroup Arts & Crafts 1:30-3 pm Arts & Crafts - Thanksgiving Postcards 3:15-5 pm	19 Bunco 6-9 p.m. Open Gym & Swim 7-9 p.m. No Teen Night	20
21	22 Movie Time 3:15-5 p.m.	23 Playgroup Hike 1-3 pm Open Swim 3:15 -5 pm Teen Gym 7-9 pm	24 Family Cooking Class - Chicken Alfredo 3:15-5 pm	25 2010 Thanksgiving Day	26 Sledding or Wii 2-4 pm Open Gym & Swim 7-9 pm Teen Night 9-midnight	27
28	29 Movie Time 3:15-5 p.m.	30 Playgroup Hike 1-3 pm Open Swim 3:15 -5 pm Teen Gym 7-9 pm				

The Seldovia Village Tribe **Prevention Program** offers activities, education and cultural enrichment for all ages. For more information, visit the Calendar of Events at [svt.org](http://svt.org) and click on a specific event, or call 435-3252. You can also sign up for email updates on the homepage of [svt.org](http://svt.org). Check it out!

Posted Wednesday, October 3, 2010

## Seldovia Bay Ferry's First Season Ends Abruptly - But Successfully

by Peggy Keesecker

Seldovia, Alaska – 11/03/2010 - Seldovia Bay Ferry ended its first season of operation a few weeks early when unexpected repairs were necessary. The ferry started operations May 26, 2010 and intended to operate through November 30, 2010, however operations terminated on October 15, 2010.

The Seldovia Bay Ferry was able to sponsor round trip transportation during its operating season for the following groups throughout the summer:

- Seldovia residents were able to attend The Gathering 2010 Tamamta Katurlluta hosted by the Pratt Museum in Homer. This event brings tribes and communities of the Kachemak Bay together by celebrating food, dance and culture.
- Transportation was provided to Carry the Cure, an organization that brings a positive message of hope to schools and community through music, videos, workshops and personal interaction. They provided a workshop on bullying and suicide prevention to the Susan B. English School in Seldovia.
- Round trip transportation was provided to the "Xtra Tufts" a local band, to play a gig at the Kenai Peninsula State Fair. The funds they earned will be donated to the Seldovia Booster Club, the Susan B. English School's athletic program.
- Veterans from the Wounded Warriors program spent the day in Seldovia visiting the community and enjoyed transportation to and from Seldovia.
- Houston Middle School was able to bring a group of 35 adults and teenagers to Seldovia to play basketball. The school has limited funds for sports, so the Seldovia Bay Ferry made it possible for them to make the trip. Ryan Geagel said, "This trip might be the only time these kids have the opportunity to get out on the water and have an experience like this. Thank you so much for making it possible."

The mission of the Seldovia Bay Ferry is to provide social and economic benefit to Seldovia and the Kachemak Bay region through the operation of a passenger and light freight service home ported in Seldovia, Alaska. Business owner, Sarah Nichols from the Tidepool Restaurant reported that sales in September were up significantly from the prior year. She said that she attributed it to the continued operation of the Seldovia Bay Ferry.

The Seldovia Bay Ferry provides daily transportation between Seldovia and Homer. The new, 150 passenger, fully equipped m/v Kachemak Voyager gets you to and from Seldovia. The advanced, twin-hull catamaran design-provides enhanced stability for smoother sailing with comfortable indoor seating and large viewing windows. Service will resume May 1, 2011.



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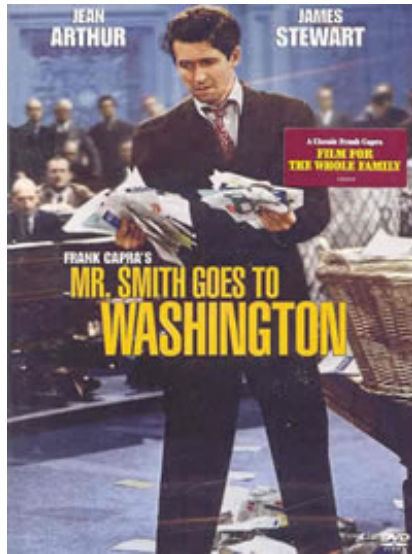
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## **Movie Review - Mr. Smith Goes to Washington**

*by Jonathan Hoard*



What can what one person do? What can one honest person do? The questions aren't that different but the answers are miles apart.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington may have been made in 1939 but It's message is still relevant today. The film tells the story of a young freshman Senator walking into Washington politics with nothing but his ideals and his character. Jimmy Stewart portrays the wide-eyed country boy who has been appointed to the Senate. Jean Arthur plays his politics savvy secretary.

On arriving in Washington, Mr. Smith knows nothing of the political games or back door dealing that seems to have infected the Senate. Instead he is driven by a desire to serve his state and uphold the dignity of his office.

He is shown several times at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial, drawing inspiration from Lincoln and the words of the Gettysburg Address. It is not long though, before he is confronted with the greed and dirty dealings of his fellow Senators. Encouraged by his secretary to not give up, he determines to take a stand for what is right and true in spite of the pressures against him.

Jimmy Stewart is perfectly cast for this roll. His over acting and flair for the dramatic is what makes this movie a classic. By today's standards this film is a little corny. At times the editing is choppy, and the "villains" in the movie are a little over the top. However, I think the producers did that on purpose. The film is throwing out the question to each of us, "Does honesty and integrity matter?" And "Can ordinary people make a stand for right in their country?"

As the noise of politics gets louder in our nation one message seems to be gaining ground and finding more outlets, that message being that "ordinary" people are not qualified to speak to the issues of our culture. Men and women, who work hard, pay bills and raise families are often derided as ignorant and their ideas shouted down. There are many divisions in our land today, some along racial lines, others dealing with religion. There is another one though, that being of those who have power and those to whom power is withheld. Don't get me wrong, officers of our government should have power. But as we are reminded by this film, the power of the government is "OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE".

Mr. Smith took a stand for truth and character. It's not just a good movie, it's a standard that must be sought by ordinary people and politicians alike.

Please e-mail me your comments at [jm\\_hoard@hotmail.com](mailto:jm_hoard@hotmail.com).

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Posted Wednesday, November 3, 2010

## **SBE Booster Club Pizza Bake - November 12**

*by Tamara Blodgett*



A hearty fare for the whole family...

Cap off our home basketball games on November 12th with your choice of the following selections: Greek, Hawaiian, Meat-Lovers, traditional Pepperoni, and the ever-popular "Veggie."

Prices range from \$20 for the Pepperoni and up to \$26 for the Meat-Lover and Veggie. All proceeds fund the Booster club, which funds our students travel for sports and academic activities. Support our kids! Buy a yummy, homemade pizza on November 12th. (See sign-ups for a list of ingredients; fully-loaded!)

Sign-up sheets will be available Monday at the following locations: post office, Seldovia Fuel & Lube (Flube) and the Linwood Bar. In order to streamline the process this will be a pick-up only at the school cafeteria;no delivery. Thanks for your support!

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Posted Monday, November 1, 2010

## **General Elections Tuesday - 7am-8pm - Multipurpose Room**

*by Jenny Chissus*

Today is the day we get to make our voices heard. It is an important right - make sure you execute yours! You may [click here](#) to go to the [State of Alaska Division of Elections website](#) in order to download the booklet provided to give you information on the candidates, ballot measures and judges that will be voted on in our Region! Take a few minutes to read up on the candidates and issues, so that you can go into the voting booth feeling confident with your choices!

You may also click on the below booklet cover to download the entire pdf document. (It will take a few minutes as it is over 130 pages long)

State of Alaska  
OFFICIAL ELECTION PAMPHLET  
November 2, 2010

# Vote

Your VOTE is your VOICE...  
let it be heard!

**Region I**

- Southeast
- Cordova
- Kenai Peninsula
- Western Cook Inlet
- Kodiak



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Posted Monday, November 1, 2010

## **Pumpkin Pies Available for Sale at SBE and CrabPot**

*by Sandy Geagel*

Whole pumpkin pies for sale! Only \$15.00 each for tasty pies to support the school! There are only 6 left, get them while they are fresh! Call the school - 234-7616 or come by and pick one up! You may also purchase them at the Crab Pot Grocery Story. Thanks to all the ladies who made these delicious treats, and thanks Tata and Chris for assisting with the sale!



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Posted Monday, November 1, 2010, Originally Posted Wednesday, October 27, 2010

## **SVT Health Center Sponsors Healthy Lifestyle Presentation**

*by Alyssa Caracciolo*



[www.svthc.org](http://www.svthc.org)

The SVT Health Center provides comprehensive medical and dental care to all patients in the communities of Seldovia, Homer and Anchor Point. Discounts are available to all patients who qualify, based on income and family size.

### **Community Event Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm – 9pm Seldovia Conference Center**

**Hosted by the SVT Health Center staff  
including special guest presenter  
Bette Seaman, Registered Dietician.**

**The Event will be focusing on healthy lifestyles,  
as well as diabetes prevention and management.**

**The SVT Health Center will be providing  
healthy snacks for your enjoyment.**

**Come on by and hear Bette's presentation  
and have some refreshments!**

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**SVT Health Center Locations:** Anchor Point, Alaska 99556 • 34361 Old Sterling Highway • 907.226.2238  
Homer, Alaska 99603 • 880 East End Road • 907.226.2228 Seldovia, Alaska 99663 • 206 Main Street • 907.234.7898



Posted Monday, November 1, 2010

## The Bookworm

by Tamara Blodgett

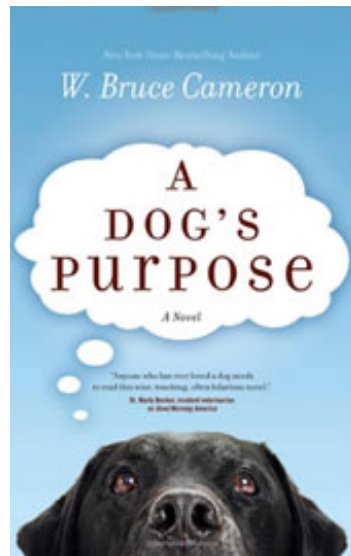


### ***A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron**

A person doesn't have to be a "dog lover," to appreciate the message of this story from a dog's point-of-view. Cameron makes what could be a rote work into something poignant, accessible and true. It's a beneficial read if you're not particularly interested in dogs; it's just that great a story.

Toby, a feral puppy finds himself in the midst of lessons learned by the 'paws' of his mother who runs wild. After capture by an animal-loving woman known only as, "Senora," his life is cut short due to his courage brought on by circumstance. However, his life continues on through four revolutions; with the fourth lending credence to the "purpose" of his existence.

An interesting and thoroughly engaging book, the crux of the [life of this] Dog is how he sees humanity, what he thinks needs to be accomplished during his lives. From the dog's perspective, he is a humble, just/fair and fun-seeking creature that wishes to serve and be appreciated ( sound familiar?). A comedic turn during the work is the Dog's disdain for cats. This is always hilarious and cat-lovers will not be able to help but laugh. There are some passages that in their inherent sadness, take one's breath away. The glory is in the finish; the story comes full-circle, divesting closure like an icing-topped cake.



5/5 Stars

Genre: Fiction

Sub-genre: Drama

Age: Adult (appropriate for age 13+)

Elements: Mild Violence, Mild Animal Violence  
& Mild Profanity

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

Posted Monday, November 1, 2010

## Thoughts to Ponder - "I hope your box is empty!"

by Bob Perks

It was on the sixteenth day of the 12th month celebrating his 75th birthday when he decided it was time.

Having been happily married, raising three boys, and continuing with great success, the family business handed down from generations before him, this now frail man had to make a decision.

His health had not been good over the past few years and the stress of keeping the business on course was beginning to wear on him.

The challenge was in deciding which one of his sons would take his place.

Each boy had the experience. Each one was capable of helping it grow in the future.

But each had different personal values.

As they gathered together to celebrate Father's birthday, he quietly pulled them aside from the rest of the family to announce his retirement.

"Father, I can't imagine a day without you as the head of the business," one said.

"We are sure to falter without you, but you deserve some rest," another said.

"You are this company," the last chimed in.

Then there was an uneasy silence. Surely the question playing on their minds was "who would take his place?"

The old man turned and walked toward the corner of the room where there were three boxes.

"Come, each of you take one of these boxes. They are of equal size. By the first day of the new year when we return here to celebrate, I want each of you to bring your box filled

with what you believe to be the most valuable assets of this business. Based on your choices, I will decide who will take over as the chairman," father said.

There was much grumbling, confusion and discussion as father left the room.

During the next 15 days the families and employees could sense a strong competitive spirit between the boys. One carried the box nearly everywhere he went. Another ran from department to department asking for records and inventories. The third simply

left the box at his desk.

It was January 1st and the family had once again gathered to celebrate. Right after dinner father called the boys aside.

"Well, it is time. Please share with me what you have placed in your box," father said.

The first son, eager to outdo the others, jumped to his feet and began sharing.

From the box he pulled the business ledger, saying "This father, is the true measure of our success. There is no greater representation than the bottom line."

"Simple and direct," father said.

Pointing to the second son, he asked for him to share.

"Where is your box?" father asked.

"It is outside on the back of truck. The box you gave me was much too small. I have ten of our employees out there ready to bring in each of the items I have gathered."

Father walked to the window and from that distance could see his son had gathered many of his own personal possessions; a boat hitched to the back, collections of rare art, antiques and what appeared to be two uniformed guards standing next to a large box.

"What is in the box?" father asked.

"My wife's jewels," the son replied. "Shall I order them to bring them in?"

"No! I have seen enough," father said.

With a deep sigh and tone of sadness, he said to the last son, "What valuables do you have to share?"

The son rose to his feet and handed his father the box.

The old man looked inside and with great shock and surprise looked up at his son.

"It's empty!" father said. "Are you telling me that you have found nothing of value in the family business?"

"To the contrary," he said. "What I found most valuable I could not place in a box, on the back of a thousand trucks, or scribbled on the bottom line of a ledger."

Father's face lit up as he returned to his chair.

"How does one measure the value of commitment, quality, honesty, and trustworthiness? What size box would hold the loyalty of our employees and customers? Would the charities we supported through the years fit into the largest trucks in our fleet? How big of an auditorium would I need to gather the families of our coworkers who have benefited from our generous pay and health plan? Where would I place the local companies we have committed to deal with so that the community we live in stays strong?"

Finally, father, the most valuable possessions I personally hold are the love of you and mother, family values, your wisdom, compassion and love of God. Look again inside that box. They are not there. The result of all of that is here standing before you."

It was clear what decision was made that day.

There will come a time when each of us will be asked by our Father to share what we value most.

I hope your box is empty.

Susan B. English had games scheduled to play in Seldovia, but due to unforeseen circumstances the visiting team couldn't make the trip.

Just like the Otters to put a scrimmage together with our boys and girls teams to have a fun-filled evening of sports entertainment! The players had a lot of fun, and it was a bit of a challenge, like one of the players exclaimed "It's harder to play against my team-mates cause I don't want to crash into them, so I don't play as hard, I'm just not as aggressive." Obviously, it was a well-matched game, as the final score - as shown to the right was a tie! Great sportsmanship Otters!



City Manager's Corner

by *Tim Dillon, City Manager*

TO: Seldovia City Council  
FROM: Tim Dillon, City Manager  
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report 10-14-10 to 10-27-10  
DATE: October 26, 2010

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Roads graded
- Borough Mayor meeting
- Winterize Harbor
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting
- VSW/CRW –funding issues
- Union negotiation preparation
- Police, Fire/EMS, Harbor –NIMS meeting
- Corp. of Engineers/Harbor project
- Community Holding Corporation – Nonprofit certificate

**GOALS:**

- Winter preparation
- VSW/CRW- funding request
- Corp. of Engineers/Harbor project review
- Community Quota Entity – by laws
- Finalize Capital Projects List
- Rework Dock Fee Ordinances
- Grant Administration
- Union negotiations meetings
- Senior Meal meetings
- World Trade luncheon

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#### Governor Parnell Adds Spring Ferry Runs

December 23, 2009, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell has directed the Alaska Marine Highway System to schedule additional ferry runs between Homer and Dutch Harbor in May 2010 and 2011. [More News >](#)

#### Request for Fed Disaster Declaration Approved

December 18, 2009, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell today received President Barack Obama's Federal Disaster Declaration for the Kodiak storm that damaged critical infrastructure within the Kodiak Island Borough. [More News >](#)

#### State Intervenes in Drilling Litigation

December 18, 2009, Juneau, Alaska – Continuing the fight to protect jobs and resource development opportunities in Alaska, Governor Sean Parnell requested Attorney General Dan Sullivan to file a motion to intervene today in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a federal decision allowing Shell to proceed with exploration for off-shore oil. [More News >](#)

#### State Intervenes in Ribbon Seal Litigation

December 17, 2009, Juneau, Alaska – The State of Alaska today intervened in federal court to support the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) decision not to list the ribbon seal as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). [More News >](#)

#### Parnell Disappointed by Move to Stop Drilling

December 15, 2009, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell expressed his disappointment at the news that a coalition of environmental groups has sued the U.S. Department of the Interior to block oil and gas drilling next year in the Beaufort Sea. The governor has directed his attorney general to review the complaint and determine what role the state can play in fighting this litigation. [More News >](#)

#### Governor Proposes Fiscal Year 2011 Budgets

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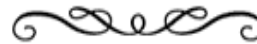


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