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The "Deadliest Catch" Comes to Seldovia

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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).

After getting stuffed to the gills in the Galley, folks moved their way in to the school gymnasium for the carnival activities. They were met with sights of many fantastic decorations, including giant waves, seagulls, great Deadliest Catch vessels, even a pumpkin painted with the face of Captain Phil Harris of the Cornelia Marie. Booths included Face Painting by Elena, the life guards' Trick-or-Treat Town (newly designed by Dede Higman), Playgroup's Inflatable Castle and Rice Dig (sunken treasure in a chest created by Nichole Bouchard), SVT's Fishing Pond (decorated by Tiffany Haller), Head Start's Balloon Darts and Duck Pond, the Junior High's Football Toss, the Chissus Family's fantastic Box Maze, and SVT's Deadliest Catch Jail and Guitar Hero room. The Cheerleading Club also had a photo booth set up in the front hallway.



Folks made their way to a fantastic Cake Walk put on by the Susan B. English School's Junior Class, with support from their families, friends and the great folks in the community who made three tables-worth of cakes. One highlight (or low-light) was Monty Hingley's Kitty Litter cake creation. Renee Haller made a beautiful cake with lovely fall colored leaves all over it, and Sharon Bond designed a whole crabbing vessel, crab pots and all. Many thanks to the people who took the time to bake and decorate a cake. (Even if your cake wasn't the prettiest, it went home to a good family for a delicious dessert.)

Other great food at the carnival included the Booster Club's homemade pumpkin pies and root beer floats, not to mention their chocolate bars. (By the way, boxes are for sale still at SBE School. Give Sandy a call!) The Barabara Heights Fire Department sold Sno Cones, a great frozen treat, plus fudge donated by the Alaska Tribal Cache, and Devon Hilts sold Cotton Candy as a fund-raiser for her Close-Up trip to Washington, DC next spring.



The Seldovia Village Tribe sponsored prizes for best-decorated cakes and for best costumes. The costumes were judged by Ephemera, Bobbi and Brian - thanks for your help at such a difficult task, judges. Holden, the Bowl of Spaghetti, won the infants category; Frank the Monster and Faith the Fairy Princess tied in their category; Sage the Ninja won his round; Kyla's Lady Devil took a prize, and Ronene the Flapper took the prize in her category. We also did a special category for homemade costumes and Bo the Owl won! Honorable mentions must go out to Carmen as Garfield and Trinity as the Spiderweb Princess. Oh, and did you see Kayla's baby girl? Adorable. ([Be sure to check out the Gazette's photo page.](#))

After the judging came the annual parade of costumes, with goodie prizes for all the participants. As the evening progressed, door prizes were drawn for lucky folks, including an SNA-donated one-night stay at the Dimond Center Hotel - Rita Brown won it!



Folks stayed around to the very end for SVT's drawing of the TV raffle. 315 tickets were sold in Seldovia, plus to folks as far away as Tennessee. But the TV stayed in town when Michelle Massion's name was drawn! She also won a \$50 gift certificate to the Tide Pool Restaurant because she was present at the carnival when her name was drawn. Word is that Michelle has graciously donated the 40-inch flat screen TV to the Seldovia Sea Otters Booster Club and they will be raffling it off at the Annual Christmas Program. So, if you weren't the lucky winner this time, you have another chance. Thanks, Michelle.

An event like this cannot happen without a lot of effort being put forth by many people. Special thanks go out to the Seldovia Village Tribe's Prevention Program Staff for coordinating the festivities, plus numerous SVT employees who pitched in to make everything so great. A big thank you to the people who came all the way from Homer to join a couple of hard-working Seldovians in making the dinner. Thanks also to the Susan B. English School for use of the facility and supplies, and especially to Renee and Stacey for their help with the many questions we had and many things we needed.



Thanks also to all the groups that ran booths as fundraisers. Thanks for taking the time to decorate your booths and for providing fun activities for the kids of our town. And to



the many people who stayed around to clean up after the carnival, it only took an hour and it was all done.

I would also like to say a special thanks to the children who helped decorate and came to the school on their day off to help us out: Ariana, Axcenia and Mattea. Thank you, young ladies. To anyone else who baked a cake, swept a floor, hung a balloon, made a costume, and more, thanks for helping make it a great evening.

We hope you had a Happy Halloween! Be sure to check out the Photostory [HERE](#).

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