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Just another day in paradise

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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

Stories Of The Day

Posted Wednesday, September 28, 2011

River Center Comes to Seldovia

by *City of Seldovia*



Staff from the Kenai Peninsula Borough at the River Center will be available in Seldovia Thursday September 29, 2011. An informal meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose room at 9:00am. We will be discussing the River Center programs that affect Seldovia including:

- KPB Habitat Protection District on salmon streams
- KPB Floodplain Development Program

Staff are available to assist with questions or permitting issues. City officials and members of the public are welcome to attend.





For further information, contact the River Center at 714-2461.

Posted Monday, September 26, 2011

Seldovia Bay Ferry Ceases Operations for the 2011 Season

by Vanessa Puterbaugh

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

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

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Discover Across the BAY, a WORLD Away . . . **Adventure Starts Here!**
SELDOVIA Alaska

Birding • Hiking • Fishing • Native Culture • Russian History • Visitor Center

RIDER ALERT

Effective Saturday, October 1st, the ferry will cease operations for the 2011 season.

The 6:15 p.m. sailing from Seldovia to Homer on Friday, September 30th, will be the last of the season.

It has been a pleasure serving our passengers this year, and we look forward to seeing you all again for the 2012 season.

We hope you have a safe & enjoyable winter!
Where the road ends, the real Alaska begins.

seldoviabayferry.com 1.877.703.3779 info@seldoviabayferry.com

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Visitor Newspaper
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Posted Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Jim Hecks - Celebration of Life on Saturday the 24th

by Cassidi Little

Celebration of Life



Jim Hecks
April 17, 1937 ~ August 25, 2011

Linwood Bar And Grill
Saturday September 24, 2011
4:00pm
Come share food drink and
memories of an Amazing Person

Posted Tuesday, September 20, 2011

I am asking for your vote and support!

by Kris Lethin

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Kris Lethin for Seldovia Mayor

Platform:

I want to maintain the
small community quality
of life that we have all enjoyed over the past thirty
years and have a safe environment for all and provide
our children with quality educational opportunities

Qualifications

Alaska Resident since Aug. 1953
Seldovia since 1979

Graduated from University of Alaska Fairbanks with degree Bachelor of Business Administration
Majors in Management and Marketing
President & Chief Executive Officer of a number of Alaska Corporations
Director of Local Government Affairs Agency in the Governor's Office
Legislative Liaison Director in the Governor's Office
Served in the Alaska State Legislature as Representative
30 years as Board Member of Alaska Boy Scout Program
Seldovia Chamber of Commerce Board

Personal Information

Married to Judith since 1963, four sons: Bill, Dan, Kris, Tim
Eight Grand Children
Commercial Pilot
Computer Geek

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Posted Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Community Center Rummage Sale - This Saturday

by Vivian Rojas

SEA OTTER COMMUNITY CENTER RUMMAGE SALE



When: SATURDAY, 9/ 24/ from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
(In building previously known as Boys & Girls Club across from school)

NEW ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED! PRICES REDUCED!
Halloween decorations, clothing, slow cooker,
printer/scanner, much more!

All proceeds go toward keeping the center open and
available until Proposition 5 takes effect.

Don't forget to vote on October 4, establishing a
Seldovia Recreational Service Area. Keep the
community center open to all.



Posted Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Meet The Candidates - September 17 - 1pm-3pm

by Chamber of Commerce



Posted Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Thanks to EPA for Funds to Repair Roads from CRW Work

by Jenny Chissus



As many of us were witness to the numerous trucks in town, the asphalt laying equipment, rollers, spreaders as well as many new faces - it was apparent that there was big action afoot in Seldovia!

After all the work that was performed by CRW over the past year, upgrading our city water and sewer lines - there were many areas of pavement that had been torn up to replace and fix lines in town. The City of Seldovia was awarded a grant by EPA to make all the repairs to the roads that were affected by the CRW work! There was over \$350,000 of work performed related to this



The Helenka B is 176 feet long, 30 foot beam, and carried over 325 tons of vehicles on their first of three runs into Seldovia for the road repair, paid for by EPA.

program! So, if you are wondering why another part of town/road was NOT being repaired, then you now have your answer!

We are so thankful for our City Manager, Tim Dillon who applied for these funds, and was able to bill out over \$25,000 to VSW (Village Safe Water) for his work (which comes back to the city) related to this process. What an amazing improvement! Our kids have certainly found the best new places to skateboard! Sweet!



Posted Monday, September 12, 2011

Public Health Nurse This Week at SBE

by Judy Dean



State of Alaska
Department of Health & Social Services
Division of Public Health

What: PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Where: Susan B. English School

**When: Thursday, September 15th, 2011
9:30am– 3:30pm**

Services include:

*Immunizations
Child health Screenings
Health Counseling for children or adults
Other services available on request*

**For Appointment or information call
Judy Dean, PHN
235-8857.**

Services provided by Homer Public Health Center.

Posted Monday, September 12, 2011

Draft Hazard Plan Public Comment Period Closes Tomorrow

by Amy Gilson



City of Seldovia

CITY OF SELDOVIA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



DRAFT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Public Comment Period Open
Comment Deadline EOD: Tuesday, September 13 - 2011

The draft Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for download from the project website:
<http://www.nukaresearch.com/projects/seldoviaHMP/>

The second public working group meeting was on Thursday, August 18 in Seldovia. The group reviewed the draft Hazard Matrix and compiled input for hazard identification, vulnerability assessment, and potential mitigation measures. The City's contractor then placed this information into the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is now open for public comment until Tuesday, September 13. Please take some time to review the draft plan and forward any comments to sov.hmp@nukaresearch.com.

Our goal is to have all comments compiled and a final Hazard Mitigation Plan presented to the City Council on Wednesday, September 14.

Please contact Amy Gilson (amy@nukaresearch.com) if you have trouble downloading the draft plan or would prefer a hard copy for review.

All input is welcomed!



Posted Thursday, September 8, 2011

Thanks For Supporting the Labor Day 10K for Diabetes

by Stephen Kroll

Hello Seldovia,

The first annual Labor Day 10K Run got off to a great start at 9:00 a.m. on Labor Day! A little rain (actually a lot of rain) did not dampen the spirits of the fourteen runners, walkers, and support staff.

As the race organizer, I am thrilled with the enthusiasm of all the participants and their sense of community involvement. I can not thank them enough. Did I mention, this was my first 10K? If I can do it.....you can too!

I hope this event can raise awareness of the devastating effects diabetes has on our loved ones and our community as a whole. Hopefully, through the efforts of the American Diabetes Association / Alaska and dedicated researchers, someday a cure can be found. Until then, we can only help ourselves and especially our kids to stay active and eat nutritious food. Our simple goal is to educate and encourage each other to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Thank you again for making this day special while helping others and having fun!

Sincerely,

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Posted Wednesday, September 7, 2011

SVT Health Center Celebrates National Health Center Week

by Carin Stephens



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.

SVT Health Center celebrates National Health Center Week *Local student wins free bicycle*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 6, 2011

Homer, ALASKA—The SVT Health Center celebrated National Health Center Week in early August with a focus on back-to-school and healthy lifestyles. The activities at the SVT Health Center included a drawing for a free bicycle, which was won by local teenager Lindsey Seneff, and a bounce house for younger children.



Lindsey Seneff with her new bicycle. Photo by Emiley Faris.

Families who visited the SVT Health Center during National Health Center Week received a backpack that they filled with free school supplies.

SVT Health Center Director Beckie Noble says that 68 students received sports/school physicals during National Health Center Week and 17 of those students also received dental screenings.

Representative Paul Seaton also staffed a booth with information about the Alaska Vitamin D Resolution, which aims to increase awareness of vitamin D deficiencies, testing and supplementation.

In July, Mayor James Hornaday issued a proclamation declaring the week of August 7 - 13 Health Center Week in Alaska. As part of the proclamation, Mayor Hornaday encouraged "all community residents to recognize and support the important contribution of Alaska's health centers in improving the quality of life for all Alaskans." In early August, Governor Sean Parnell also named August 7 - 13 Community Health Center Week.

The SVT Health Center provides compassionate and comprehensive medical and dental care to all residents of the communities of Homer, Seldovia and Anchor Point. The SVT Health Center is owned and operated by the Seldovia Village Tribe, which promotes wellness in the southern Kenai Peninsula through health care and social services, economic development and education.

CONTACT: Carin Stephens, Public Relations and Marketing Director
Seldovia Village Tribe 907-435-3281 or 907-299-3484 cstephens@svt.org

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 Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Kenai Borough Mayoral Candidate Visits Seldovia

by Jenny Chissus

I ran into Debbie at the Post Office today after her "coffee" and visiting time at the Community Center this afternoon. Since she will be in town until lunch time or so tomorrow, Debbie wanted to make herself available again for anyone that would like to talk with her about her priorities (see below), their concerns and how she can best serve rural communities like Seldovia should she become Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor! She was gracious enough to accept an impromptu introduction on video and she wanted to invite folks to stop by the Tidepool - anytime between 9:00am and 11:00am tomorrow (Thursday the 8th) - she looks forward to meeting you!



CANDIDATE FOR KPB MAYOR

DEBBIE BROWN

37 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA

PUTTING YOUR INTERESTS FIRST!

Top Priorities

- **EDUCATION** ... I will urge full forward funding of education from the State of Alaska to provide employment stability (fewer pink slips) for school employees. I am supportive of all Public, Charter, Vo-Tech, and Home schools.
- **REDUCE TAXES** ... I will introduce an ordinance that will cap property tax. Capping property tax revenue will help small business owners, seniors, veterans, and young families continue to afford living here.
- **LOW COST ENERGY** ... Aggressively promote building the large-volume, All-Alaska gasoline, so our jobs, resources and opportunities stay in Alaska. Low-cost, clean burning energy delivered to Kenai Peninsula homes and businesses is essential.
- **FISHERIES** ... Our heritage industries and small businesses are the life blood of the Kenai Peninsula. As your Mayor I will demand our fisheries be managed biologically, not politically. I will establish a "Fisheries Commission" to protect fishermen's interests.

VOTEFORDEBBIEBROWN.COM *Paid for by Debbie Holle Brown Box 592 Kasitof Alaska 99610*

Posted Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Seldovia Chamber Sets Focus for New Year

by Peggy Keesecker, photos by Tom Keesecker

The September meeting of the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce was held at the Bridgekeeper's Inn. The meeting was attended by fifteen members, who enjoyed a tasty lunch provided by Valerie Morin and Suzie Stranik.

Valerie Morin was the guest speaker and spoke briefly about the Bridgekeeper's Inn, telling us this was her 7th year in business and how it had been a blessing to her to be able to own and operate this bed & breakfast. We were able to tour the two bedroom bed and breakfast after the meeting.



The Chamber requested that President, Peggy Keesecker write a letter to the City Manager and City Council to thank them for approving the idea of an open air market and a letter to the Seldovia Crafters to thank them for the great job they did this summer recognizing and providing economic development and visitor information services. Suzie Stranik, Chair of the Beautification Committee spoke with the membership of how she would like to see us support them next year and perhaps contribute planters that would fit around the poles of their tents filled with beautiful flowers.

Suzie also reported that the First Annual Garden Walk, sponsored by Thyme on the Boardwalk was a success with fourteen people taking the tour of seven gardens. An interest was expressed by the attendees in starting a Seldovia Garden Club, which will have it's first meeting on September 8th at 4:00 pm at the Stranik home with Kyra Wagner as the guest speaker. Kyra and her husband, Neil are is a successful gardeners and lecturers from Homer will be talking about the High Tunnel Greenhouse Projects.

Board Chairman, Laurel Hilts presented the Board of Directors focus for this upcoming year which is to enhance Seldovia's commercial presence on the world-wide web, through education, creation, promotion and preservation. The chamber is researching grants that might make this project possible and envision working with the school and the university to provide training and education needed to build websites for the Seldovia Chamber and other businesses in Seldovia.

The membership expressed an interest in having a "Meet the Candidates" event in Seldovia. This event is currently being scheduled and more information will be available for a date and place soon.

Kathy Medcoff, from the Milepost spoke to the membership about the advertising opportunities that the Milepost has. The Seldovia Chamber of Commerce meets on the first Thursday of each month and encourages individuals and businesses to join.

The Chamber of Commerce publishes the Seldovia Visitor, sponsors the Chainsaw Carving Contest, Human Powered Fishing Derby, and the 4th of July Celebration.

For more information go to www.seldoviachamber.org or call 234-7612.
Peggy Keesecker
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www.seldoviachamber.org



Posted Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The Seldovia Garden Club Hosts Kyra & Neil Wagner!

by Suzie Stranik

Seldovia Garden Club

Garden club membership means many different things to each member, but helping hands, camaraderie, sharing knowledge, and pride of place all help to make a community thrive.



Please come to the first meeting of the new Seldovia garden club Thursday, September 8, 2011 4pm at the home of Suzie Stranik. I am very excited to have Kyra Wagner and her husband Neil as our guest speakers.

Kyra is the coordinator for sustainable homer and has been working with NRCS (natural resources conservation service) and the farm bureau in promoting and networking high tunnel greenhouses. She is the go to person in planning a high tunnel greenhouse.

Neil is an amazing, life-long veggie gardener and has lived in AK 30+ years. He has had a high tunnel greenhouse since the first year of the program so he has already grown everything from lettuce to corn, beans to winter squashes and even a grape plant. He is the vice president of the Homer Garden Club. Any interest in a high tunnel greenhouse in Seldovia? Call Suzie for more information at 440-2213.

Posted Tuesday, September 6, 2011

New Linwood Grill Hours

by Marcia Patrick

Our New Hours!

The Linwood Grill will be open

for dinners from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays!

Posted Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Public Hearing Notice: Internet Safety Policy

by Savannah Lewis, Library Director

In order to apply for the [OWL broadband grant program](#) that we [told you about last winter](#), the library board was required to update its internet policy to comply with the specific provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act.

As part of this process, the board must hold a public hearing to take note of the opinions of our community on this policy. That meeting is scheduled for this coming

Thursday, September 8, at 7 pm in the library.

All concerned members of the greater Seldovia community are invited to attend.

Posted Friday, September 2, 2011

Celebration of Life for Dear Friend Elaine Elzig

by Elzig Family

Please join us
for a Celebration of Life
for Elaine at the
Linwood Bar and Grill
sometime between
7:00 and 7:30pm on
Saturday, September 3,
2011.



Posted Friday, September 2, 2011

Eleanor Ursin Vinberg Shuravloff

by Emil Vinberg



Our beloved Mother Eleanor Ursin Vinberg Shuravloff passed away Peacefully August 31,2011.

Eleanor was born to Axel & Dora Ursin Sept. 4, 1934 in Seldovia Alaska. Eleanor loved Alaska. She married two Alaskan men Emil Vinberg and John Shuravloff.

Eleanor is Survived by her sister Laura Resoff of Kodiak AK. her children Emil Vinberg, Greg Vinberg, Tamara Elliott, Tisha (Paul) Hurn, John Shuravloff, five Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mom loved her Alaskan friends and family was an avid reader and gardener. She had a great sense of humor. I rememered she would radio our father when he was fishing and would say "SEND NEW MONEY OLD MONEY GONE."

Marilyn Nelson of Port Lions said: "I am going to miss my Aunt, she was fiercely protective of her five children, and often fiercely demanding. She loved her home, she loved her family. Aunt Eleanor had a wild and witty sense of humor."(Yes Ursin humor is it's own brand) One day Eleanor, till then...

We Love you Mom.

Emil Vinberg

Posted Friday, September 2, 2011

7.1 Magnitude Earthquake Does Not Affect Kenai Peninsula

by Eric Mohrmann



Press Release:

For Immediate Release

September 2, 2011 4:05 am

Contact

Eric Mohrmann, Director

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Emergency Management Department

907-262-4910 Office

907-262-2097 Direct

907-714-2395 Fax

7.1 Magnitude Earthquake does not affect Kenai Peninsula

September 2, 2011, at 2:56 am The West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center monitored a magnitude 7.1 earthquake 45 miles southeast of Amutka Pass, Alaska in the Aleutian Chain. A tsunami warning was issued at 2:59 am for the area from Amchitka Pass to Attu, Alaska.

The tsunami warning did not extend to the Kenai Peninsula. The Alaska Weather Forecast Office activated the Emergency Alert System with a regional warning instead of a state wide basis as had previously occurred on similar incidents. Therefore, the tsunami warning sirens in Seward, Homer, Seldovia, Port Graham and Nanwalek were not activated. A regional activation was possible due to recent upgrades by the Alaska Weather Forecast Office.

The Homer Dispatch Center, Seward Dispatch Center, Soldotna Public Safety Communications Center and Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management stayed in touch with each other and with the State Emergency Operations Center monitoring the situation.

At 3:57 am, the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center determined that a tsunami had not been generated and issued a warning cancellation notice.

The planning process is still underway to convert the tsunami alert siren system on the Kenai Peninsula from activation by the State EAS system to local control only.

Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

HEA and UNOCAL Sign Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement

by Joe Gallagher



Homer Electric Association, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



PRESS RELEASE

DATE:

August 29, 2011

HEA and UNOCAL sign Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement

On Thursday, August 25, the Board of Directors of Alaska Electric and Energy Cooperative, Inc (AEEC), a subsidiary of Homer Electric Association (HEA), authorized HEA General Manager Brad Janorschke to sign a Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement with Union Oil Company of California.

Under terms of the agreement, AEEC will receive the natural gas from January 1, 2014, until March 31, 2016. Additionally, the agreement has provisions for two one-year extensions, if mutually agreed upon by both parties. The gas will be used to generate electricity for HEA's members after 2013.

The agreement calls for AEEC to purchase between 4.0 and 4.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per year for use in its new power plants, following the expiration of its wholesale power purchase agreement with Chugach Electric Association on December 31, 2013.

The Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement does not become effective until approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). AEEC plans to submit the agreement to the RCA in September to initiate the approval process.

The mechanism used to set the purchase price for the gas will be part of the package submitted to the RCA. In general, the contract price is commensurate with pricing in the Cook Inlet gas market and with other gas contracts previously approved by the RCA.

HEA General Manager Brad Janorschke said that the terms of the agreement were negotiated over an 18-month time frame and that he looks forward to a good working relationship with Union Oil Company and the purchaser of their Cook Inlet assets, Hilcorp Alaska LLC.

For additional information contact:

Joe Gallagher

Homer Electric Association

283-2324

Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

Movie Review - Soul Surfer

by Jonathan Hoard



It's hard to imagine how we will respond when great trials befall us. We all like to think we will endure such times with strength and dignity, but we never really know until we walk through those doors.

The story of Soul Surfer is based on the true events in Bethany Hamilton's life. At the age of 13 Hamilton was already a champion surfer in her home state of Hawaii. While surfing with friends a tiger shark snatched away her left arm and it would seem, any hope for a normal life. Surviving the total amputation of her arm and nearly bleeding to death she was now faced with recovery and the prospect of life without her left arm.

The film sports an all star cast to tell this dramatic story, including Anna Sophia Robb, Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt and Carrie Underwood. As well as being a gripping drama, the film is filled with beautiful scenery and lots of spectacular surfing action.

The movie chronicles Bethany's faith and determination that carried her from the brink of death back to being a championship surfer. However, if all you take from this movie is the feel good message of an athlete overcoming adversity to rise to victory once again, then you will miss the larger story.

Bethany makes it very clear in the film and in the accompanying documentary what she believes happened in her life. The word used by her and by everyone around her is "miracle". Many people scoff at the use of that word. One commentator even went so far as to say, "The miracle would have been if she had never been attacked by a shark in the first place". Good point, especially if you think the purpose of miracles are to make life for us easy and comfortable. But since this is Bethany's story we should at least consider her perspective. Throughout the movie Bethany refers to her favorite verse, "I can do all things through Christ who is my strength". For her, the miracle wasn't in being spared from the attack it was instead getting to witness firsthand the power of God to carry His children through impossible odds. Miracles then, are God using our weak moments to show us how strong He is. Bethany walked, or I should say surfed, away from this event not only with great personality and athletic determination but also with an unshakeable confidence in an all-powerful God.

You can face the next trial in life looking for the answer or looking for an escape all on your own or you can look for God. It may just be that the God who made you wants you to know His power and love in your life. Sometimes He calms the storm, sometimes He calms the sailor.

Please e-mail me your comments at jm_hoard@hotmail.com.

Originally Posted Friday, August 26, 2011

Election Calendar - Filing Period Closes - September 2, Last Day to Register to Vote - September 3, 2011

by City of Seldovia



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2011 ELECTION CALENDAR

Municipal Election - October 4
Polls Open at 7:00am to 8:00pm

Last Day to Register	September 3
Absentee Ballots Available	September 14*
Candidacy Forms Available	August 15
Filing Period Opens	August 12
Filing Period Closes	September 2
Seats on Ballot	Council Members - Two (2) Three-Year Term Mayor - One (3) Three-Year Term

*Postmark Deadline for absentee ballots - 5:00PM September 30, 2011
(must be received by 5:00PM October 3, 2011)

Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

Fundraising Continues For SBE's High School East Coast Trip!

by Marcella Suydam

So far the Yard Sale Fundraiser has been a success. THANK YOU! There is still a good selection to rummage through. Some of the bigger items remaining include two generators, ship to shore control panel, plow for a four wheeler, pressure washer, plastic piping, buoys, line, boom, brailer, dip net, dog cage, rims, tires, and ice chest. Your welcome to come and browse at your convenience, just give a call (234-7604).

I'm often in awe and very grateful to the support our community gives the students.

THANKS AGAIN! Marcella

THANK YOU!

Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

The Bookworm

by Tamara Rose Blodgett



A World I Never Made by James LePore

Review by Tamara

First: this author writes a great book! It's worth buying and reading, definitely. The story receives a "5-star" rating and the formatting a "3." To be really specific: the grammar was top-notch but there were a lot of spaces between different speakers and even when speaking wasn't a part of it. It was a small distraction but was part of the reading. The story was so good though, those issues were easily dismissed. However, I mention it for those that have issues with that. For me, if the grammar is solid the formatting is forgivable. After all, eBook formatting can really morph with the device...it's not yet an "absolute." *

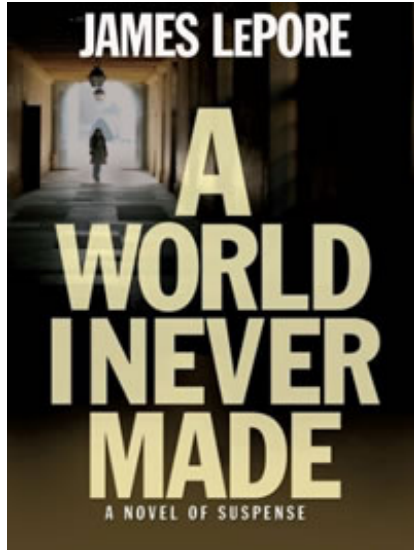
This novel resonated as more of a relationship book. It's about a father and daughter who desperately love each other and are involved in a lifelong misunderstanding that is so profound they almost cannot transcend it. Pat [protagonist] is tenacious in his relationship(s), finally seeing what life may have to offer during mid-life. Watching his evolution during the process of seeking his daughter was an interesting perspective, expertly stuffed into the middle of a double-mystery. There are different subplots that add to the depth of the story, at once offering intrigue and giving a great foundation to the main storyline. Sometimes the narrative comes off a little "stilted," but the words are perfect; all is forgiven!

This is a great book for people that like mystery with a twist of thriller, foreign intrigue and light romance/familial ties.

I look forward to reading other works by LePore.

* The author has since uploaded a new edition, free from formatting issues.

Check out Tamara's blog at: <http://tamararoseblodgett.blogspot.com/>



- 4/5 Stars
- Genre: Mystery
- Sub-genre: Thriller/Foreign Intrigue/Familial/Romance
- Elements: Light Profanity/Sexual Inference/Terrorist Component
- Age: 13+
- Cost: .99 cents [Purchase Link](#)
- Ebook, Paperback and Hardcover

Originally Posted Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Acoustic Alaska Guitar Camp Master's Concert

by Seldovia Arts Council



"Steve Kaufman is great; the boy can pick. He knows what good music is." *Doc Watson*

"The tone and phrasing is excellent and most important- the melodic sense is superb. You certainly set some high standards for all of us to aspire to."

John Hartford



Three not to be missed!

Washington Post:

Chris "Proctor

is...writing challenging compositions and playing them with such precision and clarity that they seem to sparkle... maintaining an evenness of tone and a cleanliness of fingering that will impress fellow guitarists even more than it does lay listeners."

Guitar Player:

"Haunting slide, spectacular writing, killer contrapuntal chops and sensitive articulation reconfirm that Proctor's in a league with the Peter Fingers and Martin Simpsons of the world."



"Naked Blue has that universal appeal musicians yearn for. (Five by Five) will make you dance and cry." *Paste Magazine*

Acoustic Alaska Guitar Camp **Master's** Concert

September 3 at Susan B. English School Commons

7:30 PM



Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

Paving Crew in Town Working on Seldovia and Alder Streets

by City of Seldovia



PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a paving crew working through Labor Day Weekend. They will be paving Seldovia and Alder Street and various patching locations through out town.

Please be aware of equipment and workers in those areas.

Thank you for your patience.

City of Seldovia

Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

It Was A Great Saturday at the Library this Week

by Seldovia Public Library



Saturday was a busy day at the library and a lot of people had a great and interesting time listening to our two speakers.

Homer author Nancy Lord joined the board for lunch and then gave a reading of selections from five of her books (three of which we have here in the library: *Fish Camp*, *Beluga Days*, and *Early Warming: Crisis and Response in the Climate-Changed North*). She also spoke about the process of writing the books and gave some additional background on how she came to those topics and how she's stayed in touch with them. In addition to her reading, she took questions from the audience and chatted with readers.

Thanks goes to our event co-sponsor, the Seldovia Arts Council, as well as to Shirly Giles, Curtis

Dickson and Tracy Philpot who helped provide refreshments for the event, and to Tracie Merrill, who was the event organizer for the board.

That evening, Dr. Leslie Cornick spoke to a full Multipurpose Room about evolution and the critical role learning about it at an elementary and secondary level plays in establishing the fundamental understandings for studying science in college or seeking technical employment. In addition to a busy question-and-answer period after the lecture, Cornick sparked a lively conversation that spilled out onto the building steps for some time after the lecture. Susan B. English School Parent Advisory Committee member Mark Janes invited parents and students who attended the lecture and who want to pursue the issue locally to attend an upcoming PAC meeting at the school.

Dr. Cornick mentioned a number of websites for more information on specific topics during her lecture. She has promised to provide us with a reading list that will include those links, so watch for that post when we receive them.

Thanks goes to our event co-sponsor, Seldovians for Science, as well as Nuka Research & Planning and Jere Murray.

Posted Thursday, September 1, 2011

Seldovia Bay Ferry Announces its Fall Schedule

by Seldovia Bay Ferry



Alaska's Newest Adventure!
Where the road ends, the real Alaska begins.

Experience: Alaska, Birding, Hiking, Fishing, Native Culture, Russian History & Visitors Center

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 31, 2011

Seldovia, ALASKA— The Seldovia Bay Ferry is rolling out its fall schedule to accommodate local residents and fall visitors.

The Seldovia Bay Ferry will continue to offer trips between Homer and Seldovia until Oct. 31. On Saturday, Sept. 10, the Seldovia Bay Ferry will begin providing twice-a-day round-trip service between Homer and Seldovia and will operate Thursday through Monday. The ferry will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

New Seldovia Bay Ferry schedule:

Depart Homer 8:00 AM

Arrive Seldovia 8:45 AM

Depart Seldovia 9:45 AM

Arrive Homer 10:30 AM

Depart Homer 5:00 PM

Arrive Seldovia 5:45 PM

Depart Seldovia 6:15 PM

Arrive Homer 7:00 PM

The Seldovia Bay Ferry offers ferry service between Homer and Seldovia on board the M/V Kachemak Voyager, a high-speed, fully equipped catamaran. The Seldovia Bay Ferry is dedicated to providing transportation to residents and visitors between Seldovia and Homer.

Book your ticket online at www.seldoviabayferry.com or call 1-877-703-3779. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Seldovia Bay Ferry Visitors Center or the Seldovia Bay Ferry ticket buildings near Ramp 7 on the Homer Spit, or at the Seldovia Village Tribe Visitors Center in Seldovia.

The Seldovia Bay Ferry is owned and operated by the Seldovia Village Tribe. The Seldovia Village Tribe promotes wellness in the southern Kenai Peninsula through health care and social services, economic development and education.

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Originally Posted Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Homer Electric Community Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7

by Joe Gallagher

WHERE → Seldovia Conference Center

FOOD

Homer Electric Community Meeting

Join Homer Electric for a brief presentation on your cooperative's activities & current projects, complimentary food & refreshments as well as energy credit door prizes!

time → Noon to 1:30

date → Wed., Sept. 7

HEA Homer Electric Association, Inc.



Association, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Originally Posted Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Labor Day 10K Run for Diabetes Awareness

by *Stephen Kroll*

LABOR DAY 10K RUN

Hello,

This is a note from your neighbor Stephen Kroll. This run is an un-sponsored, non-certified, un-official event. It is my desire to make this an annual event to benefit the American Diabetes Association and to raise awareness of this devastating disease. Proceeds, raised pledges, or donations will be gifted for research to someday find a cure. With 66,800 Alaskans diagnosed with diabetes and the numbers growing each year, we are all directly affected or know someone who is. I personally have several family members who are diabetics.

For those of you who do not know me, I have been running for a couple of years. I received a lot of teasing because I turned 50 and started wearing spandex! I try and run a few days a week and have run the Salmon Shuffle on the 4th of July. This race would be my first 10K. It has been my personal goal to stop taking my health and my family for granted. Hopefully, my actions are encouraging an inspiring my family to exercise and be more active in general.

I also care about my neighbors and I challenge you to make healthy choices in regards to your lifestyles. Please, come and participate in this event! Run the 10K or run 5K, walk or ride your bike, put your babies in their strollers, bring the whole family, and enjoy the fresh air! Encourage those around you, help our community, and have fun!

I am in the process of formalizing this event. I have contacted the American Diabetes Association/Alaska, Seldovia Village Tribe, and The City of Seldovia. My goal is to make this an event that truly has our community's best interest at heart and that we can all be proud of. Hopefully, we can organize and plan this for next year. We can advertize to attract other runners and show visitors our community spirit!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve M Kroll'.

Stephen M. Kroll

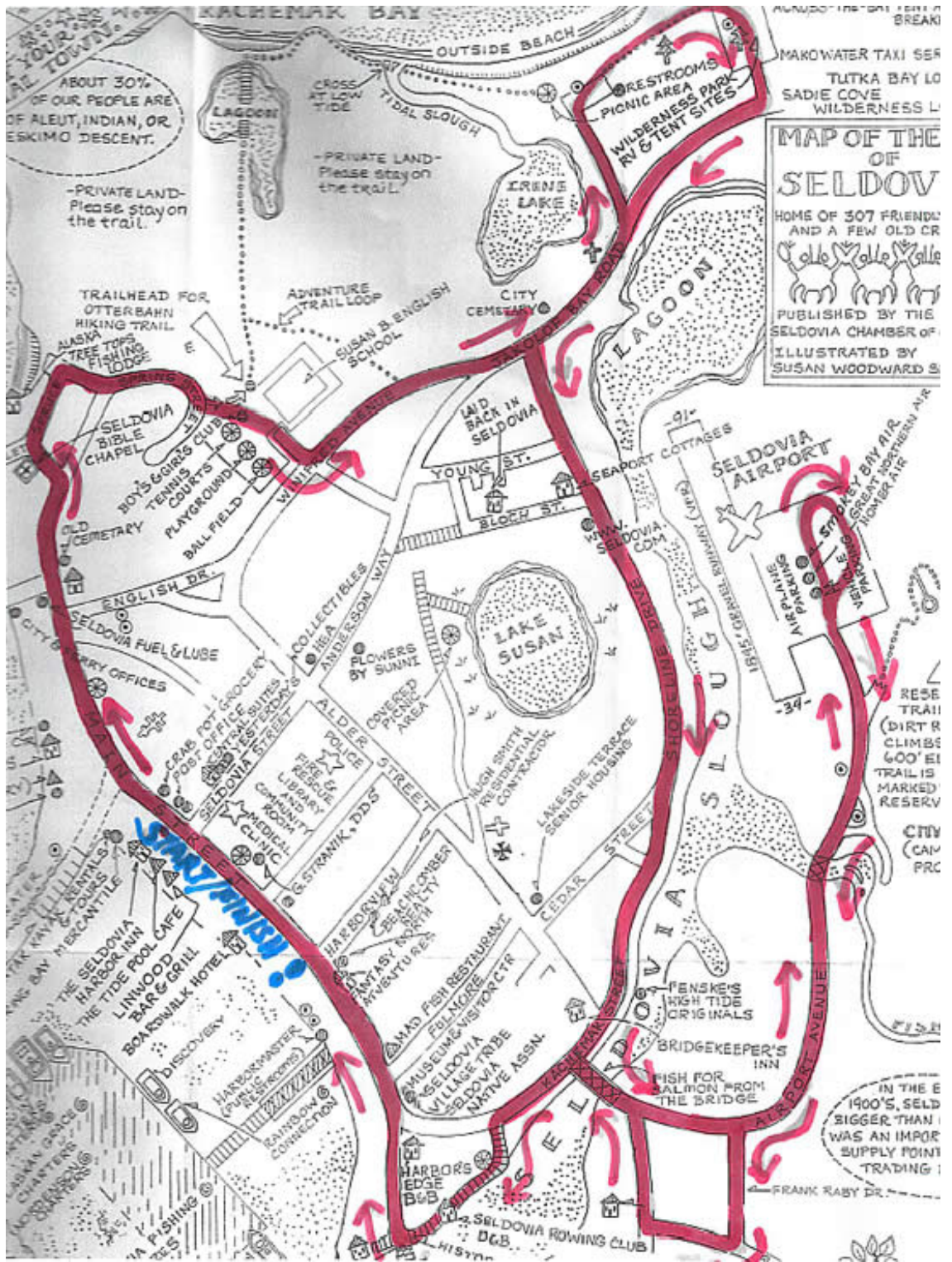
Contact me for more information: 234-5546

See route map below

Date: 09/05/2011

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Place: Library/Clinic Parking Area (Craft Market Site)



Originally Posted Wednesday, August 17, 2011

City of Seldovia - Requesting Bids on Construction at RV Park

by City of Seldovia



City of Seldovia

P.O. Drawer B, Seldovia, Alaska 99663
Phone: (907) 234-7643, Fax: (907) 234-7430
email: cityclerk@cityofseldovia.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The City of Seldovia Park & Recreation Committee is soliciting bids for work at the Wilderness RV Park.

Work to be done consists of the following:

- Construction of approximately 65 feet of gravel road
- A 16 space parking area located to the left near the park entrance
- Construction of an approximately 25,600 square foot play field
- Stump removal and minimal clearing as the area has been previously cleared
- Provide suitable fill to level the playing field
- All work needs to be done with minimal impact on the park setting

All work as well as clean-up of the site needs to be completed by November 1, 2011.

- The contractor will need to certify their payroll and pay Davis Bacon wages to their employees
- Proof of workmen comprehensive insurance as required by state statute will be requested prior to the award.

The bids need to be received at the City of Seldovia office no later than 12:00 (noon) September 14, 2011

Bid packets can be picked up at the City Office or call 234-7643 for more information.

Originally Posted Wednesday, August 17, 2011

City of Seldovia - Requesting Bids on Water Project at RV Park

by City of Seldovia

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The City of Seldovia Park & Recreation Committee is soliciting bids for the purpose of installing a waterline at the Wilderness RV Park.

Work to be done consists of the following:

- Installing approximately 1200 feet of waterline from an existing 220 ft. cased well with a hand pump located at the entrance to the RV Park.
- Bury waterlines to 9 (nine) camp sites inside the Park.
- Lines will be fitted with spigots and hose bibs at each camp site.

Emphasis will be placed on a system that can be efficiently winterized.

Contractor will be responsible for all equipment to develop well and install waterline. Direct co-ordination with the City of Seldovia will be essential. All work needs to be DEC approved.

All work as well as clean-up of the site needs to be completed by November 1, 2011.

- The contractor will need to certify their payroll and pay Davis Bacon Wages to their employees
- Proof of workmen comprehensive insurance as required by state statute will be requested prior to the award.

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Originally Posted Saturday, August 6, 2011

Beware of New Moose Hunting Regulations

by Thomas McDonough - Alaska Department of Fish and Game



There are big changes in store for hunters interested in harvesting a moose this fall on the Kenai Peninsula. A legal moose is going to be much harder to find. During a March 2011 meeting, the Board of Game adopted new regulations for moose hunting on the Kenai (Game Management Units 7 & 15). Starting this fall, the only legal moose for general season hunters will be a bull with antlers at least 50 inches wide or with at least 4 brow tines on one side (refer to page 33 of 2011-2012 State of Alaska hunting regulations for an explanation of antler width and brown tines). Spikes, forks, or bulls with an antler spread less than 50 inches and 3 brow tines are no longer legal. Also, non-residents can no longer hunt moose in Units 15A or 15C (see page 79 of 2011-2012 hunting regulations). This new regulation will likely reduce the moose harvest by 75%.

Why all the changes? The purpose of these restrictions is to increase the bull:cow ratio to ensure a long-term sustainable harvest of Kenai moose. Alaska Department of Fish & Game data from aerial surveys indicate a recent and wide-scale decline in the bull:cow ratio and the total number of bulls on the Kenai. When legal hunting is restricted to bulls only, it naturally causes the sex ratio of moose to be skewed resulting in more cows than bulls. Because a single adult bull can mate with many cows, a skewed sex

ratio is typically not a problem. However, when bull numbers drop very low, there is the potential for there to be not enough adult bulls to breed all available cows. ADF&G believes we have reached that point throughout vast areas on the Kenai Peninsula.

Without these new harvest restrictions, it is likely that many cows will fail to get bred and, therefore, would fail to produce calves. Reducing the harvest will allow more bulls to survive, thus increasing the number of bulls in the population. Having an adequate number of bulls will help ensure the future productivity of the moose population.

What caused the decline in bull numbers? There are several possible factors. The most likely explanation is a long-term over-harvest of yearling bulls. Over the past decade, two thirds of the overall reported bull harvest on the Kenai has been legal yearling bulls (spike or fork antlered bulls). It is likely that this high proportion of yearling bulls taken each year prevented enough bulls from surviving to adulthood. Another possible but unknown factor is illegal take. While illegal hunting likely occurs, we do not know to what level. Certainly non-hunting mortality, such moose killed by predation and vehicles, can also limit the number of calves that make it to adulthood and reduce the survival of adults. However, these factors generally do not cause a skewed sex ratio because predators and vehicles kill both bulls and cows.

In addition to these new restrictions, there is one more change hunters need to know about. Hunters who take a bull moose this fall on the Kenai will now be required to have the antlers of their moose inspected and sealed by ADF&G. Hunters can bring in antlers to ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Homer or Soldotna within 10 days of the kill. After normal working hours or on weekends, hunters can get antlers sealed at the Wildlife Trooper offices in Seward, Cooper Landing, Soldotna, or Anchor Point by appointment (call before arriving). Why this requirement? This will allow ADF&G to monitor the antler configuration of the harvest, which may help us determine a future strategy for managing the moose harvest. It may also provide us with information on illegal harvest.

The Federal Subsistence Board also changed the Federal regulations to match the restrictions outlined above. ADF&G recognizes the hardship this restriction will cause to all moose hunters. However, we feel this action is crucial to prevent a long-term decline in moose numbers. This restriction is a short-term fix that will be reassessed in two years.



If you have any questions related to these recent changes, please call the ADF&G offices in Soldotna (262-9368) or Homer (235-8191). Hunting regulations are available in ADF&G offices and on line at www.wildlife.alaska.gov.

Thomas McDonough is a wildlife biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Homer. 3298 Douglas Place, Homer, AK 99603 - t:(907)235-1725 f:(907)235-2448

Originally Posted Thursday, July 21, 2011

Seldovia Volunteer Fire Department NEEDS YOU!

by Tiffany Haller

Help Support your Community... **Join the SVFD**



No experience necessary.
All gear and training will be
provided to you at no cost.
Join us and discover the
Fire Department Family.

Volunteer opportunities
available in:

Fire
EMS
Dispatch



Call Tiffany with
your questions,
399-0672, or stop by
the Fire Hall,
Monday-Thursday
1:30-4:30pm.



**We are neighbors
helping neighbors.**

Tidbits . . .

Another beautiful sunset over Seldovia's Hoen's Lagoon



City Manager's Corner

by Tim Dillon, City Manager

Check in on the News from Alaska's Delegation

Click on each delegate's banner to go directly to their website.

OFFICE OF ALASKA GOVERNOR
SEAN PARNELL



Governor Parnell announces FY 2011 state budget

[Click here to read more >>>](#)
[Click here to watch announcement >>>](#)
[Click here to review the budget >>>](#)

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The Latest...

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

Video Gallery



Play Video

Governor Leads Effort to Reduce Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (10:45)

Photo Gallery



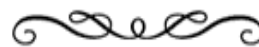
Photo archive: A visit from Santa and the Juneau Fire Department brings Holiday cheer to the Governor's Mansion in Juneau, December 18, 2009. [Enlarge >](#)

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Special Notice



SeldoviaCalendar.com

ORGANIZATION KEY

- SAC = Seldovia Arts Council
- SBE = Susan B. English School
- SBF = Seldovia Bay Ferry
- SCC = Seldovia Chamber of Commerce
- SOS = Seldovia Oil Spill Response Team
- SOV = City of Seldovia
- SPL = Seldovia Public Library
- SVT = Seldovia Village Tribe
- Other = Additional Community Events

Click on each event to find out additional information

Seldovia's Community Calendar

Today June 2011

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Be sure to check out the new calendar to keep track of the many community events happening in Seldovia! With so many events and different programs, groups, and committees - it is difficult to stay on top of everything! I am so thankful that SeldoviaCalendar.com is now live and ready to be used as a great resource for Seldovia! As you can see from the three different screen shots, there are different ways to look at the calendar.

- MONTH - Shows the whole month in a standard calendar format. You can click on each listing to view the details of the event!
- WEEK - Shows the current week, highlighting again the current day, so you can see where you are in the full schedule of events, from the early morning to the late evening!
- AGENDA - My favorite, as it just outlines each event in order - by the date.

Each of the pages operate in the same way, as every event is clickable, and in some cases will lead you to other web sites for more information or details. Please assist with keeping the calendar current by emailing Laurel with your information and details. (There is a direct link to her email at the bottom of each calendar view - so it is super easy!) You may submit information at any time, as she will enter as things come in, and she will be doing monthly updates!

Thanks Laurel and SVT for creating this new tool for Seldovia! Enjoy!





Balloons, Balloons, Balloons!!

**The Fire Department now
has Helium Balloons
for sale!**

**This is an ongoing
fundraiser for the
Department. You may
purchase Balloons
Monday-Thursday 1:30-4:30
at the Fire Hall, use the
door located on Lipke Lane.
If you need Balloons at a
different time,
call Tiffany, 399-0672**

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