

Seldovia Village Tribe

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2006 Open Enrollment

Enrollment for 2006 opened July 1, 2006 and will remain open through September 1, 2006. Those of you who have called in the past few months, now is the time to call back and have the Tribal office send you applications for family members.

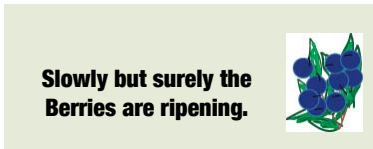
We receive many questions about who is eligible to become a Tribal Member.

Section 6 ~ SVT Enrollment Ordinance: Any blood descendent of any person who was originally enrolled to the Native Village of Seldovia -under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Also if you know of family members that have not been notified or do not receive the newsletter please pass on this information. Call Trinket Gallien @ (907) 234-7898 ext. 223 if you have questions, concerns or want an application.



Alaska Tribal Cache



Berry Pickers Needed!!!

SVT is now buying cleaned berries Monday thru Fridays from 10am-3pm. Berries are to be delivered to the front door of ATC. If you are interested in picking for ATC please contact Kris Burt at 907-234-7898 x 241 for berry permits and buckets. Prices are follows:

Red Salmonberries	\$1.75lbs
Yellow Salmonberries	\$2.00lbs
Cleaned Blueberries	\$2.00lbs
Uncleaned Blueberries	\$1.25lbs
High Bush Cranberries	\$2.25lbs
Black Currents	\$2.50lbs
Watermelon Berries	\$2.50lbs

L to R: Jenny Higman, Fred NewMeyer, Elaine Giles, & Millie NewMeyer enjoying Red Mt.



SVT's 3rd Annual Senior Appreciation Week.

Seldovia Village Tribe honored our local elders with our 3rd Annual Senior Appreciation Week July 24th-28th. On the 24th and 26th the normal lunch was served at Lakeside Terrace with those seniors who brought guests being eligible to put their name and that of their guest into a drawing for a prize. The winners from the 24th were Chuck Gillick and Jack Thomas. The drawing winners from the 26th were Gladys Yuth and Dean Lent. Clam digging was on the 25th and only 2 brave seniors wanted to trudge around in the rain and mud with us but they got some clams out of it. A special "Thank You", to Michael Opheim and Stephen Payton for helping dig the clams. With the appearance of the sun on the 27th we set off for Red Mountain on a leisurely drive and once there a nice picnic lunch was prepared and served by Han and Bobby.



Inga Caffrey enjoying Red Mt.

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Elephant Rock, Seldovia Alaska 2006



SVT Health Center Welcomes New Staff



Dr. Judith Steyer, M.D./Medical Director

SVT Health Center announces two new additions to our staff.

Judith Steyer, M.D./Medical Director began taking her first appointments on June 19, 2006. Dr. Steyer is board certified through the American Academy of Family Medicine, and has been in Alaska since 1994. She was employed in Beth for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation until 1996. Dr. Steyer then moved to Fairbanks and work at the TCC Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center. Now coming to the SVT Health Center to serve our area as our Medical Director and MD.



Dr. Larry Johnston/Dental Director

We welcome Dr. Larry Johnston to the dental clinic and our community. Dr. Johnston comes to us from Fairbanks, where he contracted to provide dental services at Ft. Wainwright during the past several years. He is a retired Army officer (Colonel), effective January, 1997, serving as a dental officer for 26 years. Following his retirement, he joined a private dental practice in Kansas where he practiced for 7 years. His enjoyment of fishing and hunting enticed him to make the move to Alaska. A friend in Saudi Arabia heard about the SVT Dental clinic opening (!), and he passed on the information to Dr. Johnston. After a visit to Homer and an interview, he accepted the position of Dental Director. He began seeing patients on July 10th, and his schedule is filling up fast.

Attention Tribal Beneficiaries

This notice serves to inform you of some very important changes for you as a beneficiary of Seldovia Village Tribe (IHS) and at SVT Health Center. Starting August 15, 2006, Seldovia Village Tribe will **no longer** be covering (paying for) Dental care services at the offices of Dr. Edward Todd DDS or Dr. James Meesis DDS. All eligible dental care services will be provided through the SVTHC, located at the above below.

SVT Health Center
880 East End Road
Homer, Ak 99603

(907) 226-2213 Dental Dept.

Senior Appreciation Week Continued:



The week culminated with the annual luncheon. This year we were blessed with beautiful weather and plenty of space. The luncheon was held on the deck at the Seldovia Tribal Conference Center. Michael Opheim welcomed and praised our elders on behalf of Seldovia Village Tribe and City Manager Kurt Reynertson was also on hand to speak and commended the seniors for their "sense of community, community service and community spirit.". Pastor Johnathon Hoard was on hand to provide the invocation. Han, Bobby and Rachel prepared a wonderful lunch of BBQ ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad and desserts with Michael Opheim and Stephen Payton assisting on the grill. I would like to thank those involved in making this week a wonderful success: Kyongnan Han, Roberta Gese, Rachel Payton, Michael Opheim, Stephen Payton, Sandee Elvsaa, Debbie Hecks for taking blood pressures and Susan Mumma for providing the beautiful music.

Marcia Patrick
Senior Citizen Program
Manager



SVT Program Up-Dates



SVT 2006 May Scholarship Awards



Colton Collier,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Kristi Carlough,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Spencer Giles,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Kristyn Hara,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Katherine Markey,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Kellie Nelsen,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

William Payton,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Myriah Suydam,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Seth Suydam,
Achievement Scholarship \$1,500.00

Congratulations!!! SVT is very proud of all the applicants and wish each and everyone of you the best of luck in your education.

Tribal Member Message:

Thank You's...

June 7, 2006

To Seldovia Village Tribe:

I wish to thank you for awarding me your achievement scholarship. Your generous gift is going to be such a great help to me in pursuing an education at the Colorado School of Mines. Thank you for everything you do for us and I appreciate your support tremendously.

Sincerely, Seth Suydam

June 30, 2006

Dear Seldovia Village Tribe:

Thank you very much for the Achievement Scholarship of \$1,500. It is greatly appreciated and I will work very hard in college.

Sincerely, Kellie Nelsen

July 12, 2006

Dear Seldovia Village Tribe:

I would like to extend to you my most sincere thanks for awarding me the Achievement Scholarship. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated and your kindness is never forgotten.

Sincerely, Kristyn N. M. Hara

Hansen Wedding Announcement



Angela Becker and Dean Hansen were married June 30, 2006 at the Anchorage Courthouse by civil ceremony. Angela and Dean met through friends in 1996 and started a long courtship in 1999. Dean proposed next to the Christmas tree in December 2005.

Angela Becker is the daughter of Jean Becker of Indiana and Aaron Turner of Alabama. She graduated from UAA with a BA of Social Work in 2004 and will be graduating with a BA of psychology in Spring of 2007. Angela has a 10 year old daughter, Tatijana. Angela enjoys camping, road trips, hiking, hunting, fishing, and training and showing dogs.

Dean is the son of Lucille and Roy Hansen of Seldovia Alaska. Dean graduated from Susan B. English High School is Seldovia in 1978. Dean has three sons, Joshua, Douglas, Derek; and two daughters Georgia and Gwendolyn. Dean enjoys camping, backgammon, poker, fishing, and animals.

The wedding was a simple, casual, and quiet ceremony with Dean's brother Todd Hansen and our close friend James Alurac as witnesses.

The honeymoon is to be celebrated in the near future although exact details are yet to be planned.

Team Hollywood



Team Hollywood is a celebrity basketball team that has a rotating roster of players that have a variety of backgrounds in the NBA, WNBA, Harlem Globetrotters, college basketball champions, professional street ball, television, movies and even modeling.

Team Hollywood President Peter Adams embraces and operates the team using Christian principles. Team Hollywood uses the love of the game to spread goodwill, promote strong character values and inspire the nations youth and entertain families. Their main goal is to be one of the main reasons kids make the right choice to resist temptations.

President Peter Adams and Team Captain Clay Johnson first came to Seldovia in March of 2006 to give a Basketball Clinic for the students of our public school, Susan B. English. They were an immediate bond between these two gentlemen and the community of Seldovia. Their visit here to Seldovia developed the desire to have the whole team come back and play real street ball against our small town team.

Yes they did! The Father's Day game was more excitement than our school backboard could take as Jeff "Windchill" Coffman, Washington State Slam Dunk Champion exploded the backboard with a slam dunk that sent the crowd cheering to it's feet. Seldovians and guests were having so much fun at the end of the fourth quarter that they requested a fifth quarter. That is when the shot we will all remember took place. Our unrehearsed hometown team has some remarkable plays and even better attitudes as they

took their lessons from this highly polished team. Who could expect anything but fun, competition and comradeship when Team Hollywood's captain is non other than Clay Johnson. Johnson is a member of the LA Lakers 1982 NBA Championship winning team. Other Team Hollywood members were Windchill Coffman, Pretty Boy Jason, Brandon Seldom Seen and Rainmaker.



After the game the players signed autographs and visited with the crowd. Seldovia Village Tribe was the proud sponsor of this event, knowing fun was had by all.

By Alene Hidecker, SVT Prevention Specialist.

Housing Weatherization/ Rehabilitation/Modernization Program

Seldovia Village Tribe Housing Program has established a program for repairs, maintenance and weatherization on the homes of enrolled Tribal members and other low-income Alaska Native/American Indians living in the Seldovia area. The Seldovia area is limited to the City of Seldovia and Seldovia Village at this time.

What kind of work can be done on the home?

You as the applicant may choose to make foundation repairs, replace heating source, septic and plumbing repairs or replacement, structural alterations to accommodate handicapped individuals and last but not least....**winter is coming**...this would be a good time to think about weatherization. Things to think

about as far as weatherization are door and window seals, insulation or complete replacement of doors or windows.

Other housing programs available are Rental Assistance and Emergency Assistance.

Applications are available at the Tribal Housing office at 206 Main Street or call Marcia Patrick at 234-7898 x. 235 if you have questions.

AFN Village Life Contest

This contest includes artwork & photography to expand the understanding of the dynamic realities of contemporary Native peoples, their cultures, their lives, and the diverse ways which they express themselves and capture what Village Life means to you.

Creative Categories

Photography: 9th-12th Grade Students, Win \$500.00. Get your camera out and snapshot what Village Life means to you.

Artist Drawing: 7th & 8th Grade Students, Win \$500.00. Students draw a picture of what Village Life means to you.

Drawing Contest: 4th-6th Grade Students, Win \$500.00. Students draw a picture of what Village Life means to you.

Drawing Contest: Kindergarten-3rd Grade Students, Win \$250.00. Students draw a picture of what Village Life means to you.

Rules for Entries: Black & White photos, color photos, or drawing must be no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches. One photo or drawing per student is allowed. Entries will not be returned. On the back of your entry please include name, grade, school name, address phone number & e-mail on each entry.

Deadline for submission is Friday September 15, 2006. Mail entries to:

AFN Village Life Contest, 1577 C St. Ste. 300, Anchorage AK 99501

Experience Our Land & Explore Our Culture 2006



This years Culture Camp was a success with many participants and good weather. We were blessed with Two Elders at the outside beach and one Elder at the Sea Otter View Cabins. SNA donated the use of the cabins for our Camp this year but had agreed to have Mark Farrar use them at the same time. Mark Farrar was gracious enough to let us use the cabins while he went elsewhere for the night we were at the cabins. We had help from Kaitlin Shot with KBRR and Bree Murphy with CACS again this year.

We had a group of kids from the lower 48 come this year under the guidance of Liz Jordan a counselor for Treetops. Liz brought 7 students and one other chaperone. The kids learned how to make emergency shelters and learned how to better use their observation skills under Kaitlin's supervision out at the cabins. They also learned what plants to use in a medical emergency and which plants are edible. Sandee, Bree and Kaitlin worked together to show the kids these plants. Kathy Giles was our elder at the cabins to show the kids how to make their own Blueberry Jam and how to bottle it. We had 13 kids stay the night at the cabins and during the day I believe we had 24 kids. The second day we spent at the beach learning more about edible plants and Sandee showed how to harvest spruce root and what it could be used for.

Myra Mumchuck came and talked to the kids on edible items from the beach and shared life experiences and stories. Fred Elvsaaas came and showed the kids and some adults how to put leadline on a gillnet. We were not able to set out our educational net this year due to bad weather.

The kids played games and were able to prepare and eat some Bidarkis and other items from our inter tidal.

By: Michael Opheim, EPA Coordinator



Kathy Giles, Alaska Tribal Cache Cook instructing youth on Jelly making.

Thanks to the Seldovia Native Association for the use of Sea Otter View Lodge at the head of Seldovia Bay for this event.



Sandee Elvsaaas, SVT's Beekeeper.



Myra Mumchuck, demonstrating how to cook and clean bidarkis.



Fred H. Elvsaaas, demonstrating gill net mending.

Recycling Tip from EPA Office

All those plastic bottles and jugs we get each time we go to the store can be recycled right at home. If you cut the bottom out of a plastic bottle or milk jug you can use it in the spring to create a Minnie green house around your starters to help capture the heat of the day and keep the chill off of them so they do not die. In the spring and fall you can use full milk jugs with water to retain heat in your green house so the plants don't freeze either. You can then use these year after year for this purpose. Other things that can be done with plastic bottles and jugs is to use them for a bailer in your skiff or use them for funnels.

SVT Annual Eye Exams

Dr. McIntyre an Optometrist from South Central Foundation will be in Seldovia to conduct an optometry clinic August 28 & 29, 2006 Alaska Natives or American Indians, their spouses and children are eligible for services. There will be no charge for eye examinations. An optician will be coming with him so that people may purchase glasses.. For an appointment with Dr. McIntyre contact Debbie Hecks at the Tribal offices 234-7898 ext. 230



L-Tribal Member Sharon Bond, silk painting. R-Sandee Elvsaaas, SVT Counselor creating another masterpiece.

Silk Painting Workshop

July 28th and 29th Seldovians created beautiful hand painted silk scarfs & learned to work with Gutta Resist, silk dyes & added Textures. Mary Hertert of Color Creek Fiber Art taught this two day workshop here in Seldovia at the Bay View Suites. SVT was the proud sponsor of this event. Works of this class can be seen on display in our Prevention office at the Admin building here in Seldovia.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE TO BETTER SERVE AMERICAN IN- DIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES

WASHINGTON, May 17, 2006 – Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr today announced the launch of a new website designed to better serve American Indian and Alaska Native customers. The website can be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/aiandn/ and provides information about Rural Development programs available to assist American Indians and Alaska Natives in one convenient location.

“This website is designed to provide tribal members, tribal communities and tribal organizations access to helpful information in a user-friendly way,” said Dorr. “It should be a one-stop shop to find the information and resources tribal members need to participate fully in, and have a positive experience with, our programs.”

The website has information about grants and loans that are intended to assist federally recognized Indian tribes buy a

home, grow a business, build essential community facilities and further develop community infrastructure. There is also contact information for Rural Development’s nationwide network of Native America Program Coordinators. The site also has success stories of how Rural Development has assisted tribes and individuals in the past and links to publications, guides, reports and other helpful materials.

Rural Development is committed to meeting the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration in 2001, Rural Development has invested more than \$1 billion in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested more than \$63 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

As a result, more than 1.1 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

Alaska Business Development Center, Inc. ~ Public Service Announcement.

ABDC, a non profit corporation, is pleased to announce it has recently renewed its Fisheries Business Assistance Contract with the State of Alaska . The Contract enable ABDC to continue to provide free or low cost businesses counseling and assistance to commercial harvesters and small businesses in the Alaska fishing industry. Projects that promote value added fish processing and enhanced product quality are of special interest.

ABDC’s qualified staff and professional consultants have been assisting the commercial fishing industry since 1978. They are highly experienced and offer an extensive resource base. Areas of assistance include, but are not limited to: IRS problem resolution, loan extension, loan package preparation for the financing of vessels, gear etc., and product quality improvements projects. For more information call 1-800-478-FISH



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